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And A Lesbian Mayor?

West Hollywood Elects Three Gay Councilors

By Christine Guilfooy

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA — In a precedent-setting election, West Hollywood became the first city in the country to elect a predominantly gay city council. One lesbian and two gay men have been elected to the five-member city council in this newly incorporated city.

The voters in the November 6 election were simultaneously deciding whether to incorporate and electing a contingent city council. West Hollywood had been under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County government, but many residents had become dissatisfied because of insufficient rent controls, the remoteness of government offices and the lack of local autonomy. The measure to incorporate passed by a two-to-one margin.

Forty candidates were scrambling for five city council seats, and at least seventeen were openly gay men or lesbians. Of the five eventual winners, three are gay, making this the first city council to be made up of a majority of gay people.

Because of the large number of gay people running, there was no bloc vote and success in the election depended on broad-based appeal.

Estimates are that the 1.9 square mile area is 30 to 40 percent gay. Largely a community of adults, census data indicates only six percent of the population is under the age of 18. Children are bussed to the elementary school from nearby areas to keep the school open. The area also includes a substantial elderly population and a sizeable Jewish community.

Because of the large gay population, an abundance of gay bars and businesses have sprung up. A prominent property owner and businessman is Sheldon Andelson, who has become well known for his fundraising efforts on behalf of liberal Democrats such as Walter Mondale, Ted Kennedy and Jerry Brown. Andelson, who is openly gay, is also the chairman of the Bank of Los Angeles.

Almost 90 percent of West Hollywood residents rent their homes or apartments. It was the issue of rent control that sparked the move to incorporate, and it was this single issue which played the biggest part in electing candidates. Of the top four votegetters, all were closely associated with a strong rent control stance.

The top votegetter in the crowded field was Valerie Terrigno, a lesbian and the current president of the lesbian and gay Stonewall Democratic Club. Terrigno, taking 11 percent of the total votes cast, had endorsements from the tenants' group, Coalition for Economic Security (CES), as well as endorsements from the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles (MECLA), a lesbian and gay political action committee.

Coming in second and taking 9 percent of the vote was Alan Viterbi, a Jewish community activist and a strong rent control and human rights supporter.

Both Viterbi and Terrigno won four-year terms while the remaining three councillors-elect won two-year terms. Future councillors will serve four-year staggered terms.



Valerie Terrigno

John Heilman, an openly gay attorney and director of the area's ACLU chapter, came in third with seven percent of the vote. Heilman has been working with Dan Simonoski and the National Lesbian and Gay Archives on the release of FBI files detailing the Bureau's surveillance of gay organizations and individuals since 1952.

Helen Albert, a retired school teacher, also received seven percent of the vote in taking the fourth seat.

And Steve Schulte, the former executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, gained the remaining seat. Of the candidates elected, Schulte was perceived as the least supportive of rent control although he has been quoted as saying he favors rent control and will not commit himself to an alliance.

Heilman, Schulte and Terrigno were endorsed by the Harvey Milk Democratic Club. MECLA, the lesbian and gay political action committee, endorsed Terrigno and Schulte while the CES endorsed or supported Terrigno, Viterbi, Albert and Heilman.

While many gay people were jubilant over the election outcome, local media coverage would suggest some people fear gay and lesbian candidates will focus on a single issue and will encourage gay takeover of the city.

But Terrigno told GCN, "I feel really proud to be representing all of us. Everybody is watching us and I intend to do a fantastic job.... It is very significant because we were chosen as qualified leaders. The city electorate is not a majority of gay people. It will be a true coalition and we will work together. Albert, Viterbi, Heilman and I were all on the same [CES] ticket. I've known Steve a long time [and we can work together.] It won't be a gay takeover, there's no gay way to collect trash."

Terrigno said her priorities are to develop a strong rent control law, develop zoning plans for the new city, pass a comprehensive anti-discrimination ordinance, pass a domestic partnership bill and develop "comparable worth" salary schedules for city workers. Terrigno said she has already been in touch with legislators, such as state Senator David Roberti, to develop solutions to issues which interest her.

Jim Kepner of the National Lesbian Gay Archives, who lives near West Hollywood, said this election could act as a magnet in drawing more gay people to West Hollywood. It could produce an exodus of other groups. I don't know whether this will happen, but it seems likely."

But Erin Lorber, the executive

administrator of MECLA, said, "Have you ever seen such a shift because of the outcome of an election?"

Alan Viterbi anticipates an unprecedented minority coalition the elderly, Jews and gay people. Viterbi said, "The most important is the long run. People have tried to divide the elderly, Jews and gays. They have tried to divide property owners and renters. This is a real opportunity for minorities to join together on the council. [The city] is 30 to 40 percent gay and 30 to 40 percent Jewish. It would show the world we are a model community.

"The leadership will be more responsive than any other city.

We'll attempt to work innovative programs. For example one issue that is of concern to both communities is creating homes for the aged. The Jewish community has experience and resources and this is an opportunity [for the Jewish community and the lesbian and gay community] to work together."

When asked if he would support a human rights ordinance, Viterbi told GCN, "I would like to co-author a nondiscrimination ordinance inclusive of sexual orientation." Pointing to his work on behalf of AB 1, Viterbi said, "I have a longstanding commitment to human rights."

Lorber, of MECLA, said a

strong rent control bill and human rights ordinance are "not even issues, but the first order of business on the council." Lorber believes the proof of how well the council works will depend on how well they work on other issues.

Although a county rent-control ordinance has been in effect, Viterbi said it applied only to individuals in their apartments before 1979 and allowed a nine percent yearly rent increase. In a city where so many elderly are on fixed incomes, the issue was more decisive than any other, including the lifestyles of the candidates.

Terrigno and Viterbi both acknowledged the tension between

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Studds Reelected In a 'Decent' Campaign

By Larry Goldsmith

KINGSTON, MA — While the sentiments of progressives on Election Night 1984 ranged mostly from gloom to despair, at least one pocket of good cheer endured at the Pilgrim Tennis Club, where constituents and supporters of U.S. Representative Gerry Studds heralded the landslide re-election of their congressperson and the first election of an openly gay man to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Unofficial results published by the Boston *Globe* on November 8 showed that Studds beat his Republican challenger, former Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lew Crampton, in 30 of the 44 towns in the southeastern Massachusetts district. And in the city of New Bedford, the urban center of the district, Studds prevailed with a margin of more than two to one. The final tally, according to the *Globe*, was 142,914 for Studds and 113,619 for Crampton.

In a victory speech given shortly after midnight, Studds praised his opponent for conducting a "decent" campaign. Both campaigns, Studds said, "were conducted on issues and important issues, they elicited the differences on those issues, and I think that Lew deserves commendation for that, and he certainly has my commendation for that."

Apparently mindful of grossly unsuccessful strategy by Studds' primary opponent, Plymouth County Sheriff Peter Flynn, Crampton carefully avoided making a campaign issue out of Studds' homosexuality or his Congressional censure last year. Studds was censured by the House of Representatives in July 1983 following the disclosure by an investigatory committee that he had sex in 1973 with a 17-year-old male Congressional page. Following the censure, Studds called his actions an "error in judgment" but criticized the House for concerning itself with the private sexual affairs of one of its members.

Local newspapers suggested during the campaign that Crampton's staff had urged him to make the censure an issue in the race, but that Crampton had held firm in opposing the strategy, referring

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Gerry Studds

...And In Massachusetts

In other election news...

• Massachusetts Lt. Governor John Kerry, a Democrat, defeated Republican businessperson Ray Shamie in the race for the Senate seat vacated by retiring Sen. Paul Tsongas. Kerry has said he would support the federal gay rights bill that Tsongas has co-sponsored.

• Democratic State Senator Chet Atkins beat Republican Greg Hyatt in the race for the Fifth Congressional District seat being vacated by Rep. James Shannon. Shannon, who supported federal lesbian and gay rights legislation, waged an unsuccessful campaign against Kerry for the Senate. Atkins has supported Massachusetts lesbian and gay rights legislation.

• Somerville Alderman [sic] Sal Albano, who narrowly lost to Democratic State Representative Vincent Piro in the primary race for the seat of retiring State Senator Denis McKenna, turned the tables by running as a successful write-in candidate in the general election. Albano's unusual tactic was aided by the occurrence, between the primary and the general election, of Piro's trial in federal court on charges of accepting a bribe from an undercover FBI agent. The trial ended in a hung jury, but the evidence presented, including covertly taped recordings of Piro's conversations with the

FBI agent, did not help Piro's campaign. Piro has said he will ask for a recount; state police and the state election commission impounded a portion of the ballots in that race and later supervised the counting after "irregularities" were disclosed. Albano has promised support for lesbian and gay rights legislation.

• By margins from 2 to 1 to 3 to 1, 39 cities and towns in Massachusetts approved non-binding referenda calling for the President to immediately withdraw all troops and military advisers from El Salvador and Honduras; stop all military aid to El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala; stop all aid to the *contras* seeking to overthrow the *Sandinista* government of Nicaragua; and direct the money now used for such purposes to fund domestic human needs.

• With 125 of 222 precincts reporting, Communist candidate Laura Ross, the only listed opposition to House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, received 9478 votes, compared to O'Neill's 111,261.

• With 2029 of 2196 precincts reporting, New Alliance Party presidential candidate Dennis Serrette and vice-presidential candidate Nancy Ross received a statewide total of 5883 votes.

— Larry Goldsmith

News Notes

quote of the week

“Make no mistake about it. What you are seeing in this city in 1984 is an attack on gay male sexuality that has nothing to do with the worst tragedy we have ever faced. While they attack our sexuality and our right to assemble, people are dying of AIDS. This is a false issue that is taking us away from where the emphasis should be.

“I say to gay men that it is imperative — especially in time of crisis — to be proud and to take care of yourselves and to take care of those you touch. But never, ever feel guilty about being sexual.”

—Randy Stallings, chairperson of the Committee to Preserve Our Sexual and Civil Liberties and an organizer of an October 29 rally in San Francisco to protest the closing of 14 gay bathhouses and sex-related businesses, *Bay Area Reporter*, November 1, 1984.

brawling firemen charged, disciplined

SAN FRANCISCO — Five firemen who provoked a brawl at a gay restaurant here last month have been disciplined by Fire Chief Emmet Condon and two face criminal charges stemming from the incident, according to the *Bay Area Reporter*. Condon transferred all five from the Station 3 firehouse, which is in close proximity to the Casa de Cristal restaurant, scene of the fight.

In addition, Captain Frank Jordan, head of the Northern Police Station, has ordered an investigation into the behavior of police officers summoned to the scene. Witnesses say the officers refused to enter the restaurant to interview onlookers and survey the damage. When the victim of the firefighters' attack identified his assailants, officers made no arrests and would not enter their names on police records.

Three of the five firefighters were suspended from duty for periods of four to ten days and two others received formal reprimands. Fireman Martin Ross, accused of starting the fight with a customer, has been charged with battery and disturbing the peace. Patrick Gardner was also charged with battery.

Chief Condon commented that with upcoming attorney costs, legal fees and possible monetary awards from civil suits, “this might be the most expensive dinner these guys have ever had.” Already, the firefighters have lost \$2000 in salaries as a result of their combined suspensions from duty.

The firemen gay-baited waiters and a straight customer at Casa de Cristal, then attacked the customer and caused considerable damage to the Polk Street area restaurant.

political stances, political responses

NEW YORK — Five Broadway actors withdrew from performing in a benefit for the Catholic Actors Guild because the event's guest of honor is Archbishop John J. O'Connor, according to the *New York Times*. O'Connor has refused to comply with Mayor Ed Koch's executive order banning discrimination against gay people by city contractors and has attacked political candidates who favor abortion.

The producer of the October 28 benefit confirmed that Larry Kert, Kaye Ballard, Hinton Battle, Andre DeShields and Louri Beechman had all canceled from the event. Kert and Battle both said they were withdrawing from the benefit because of O'Connor's prominent role in the evening.

Harvey Fierstein, Tony Award-winning gay playwright, telephoned participants in the benefit to alert them to its tribute to O'Connor. “This is not my personal fight with O'Connor,” Fierstein said. “But because of his statements about Geraldine Ferraro, because he's told people to vote on the abortion issue, a week before the election a salute to O'Connor is a political stand.”

money for aids groups

WASHINGTON, DC — About \$140,000, to be awarded in direct grants, is now available to community-based organizations conducting education among groups at increased risk for AIDS, according to the National Gay Task Force. The funding was set aside in the fiscal year 1984 appropriations bill and is to be disseminated through the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

An advisory board is now being established to assist the Mayor's Conference in developing a strategy for outreach efforts to make groups aware of this program. The advisory board will also be responsible for making the final selection recommendations.

For more information, contact Elise Ward at the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 1620 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

flesh arrest

The following article, reprinted in its entirety, appeared in the November 5, 1984 edition of the *Boston Herald*:

“Three American tourists were charged with indecency yesterday after posing for nude photographs in front of the Parthenon in Greece. The three were identified as William Mullen, 22, of Hartford, Conn., Herman Kendelan, 22, of San Mateo, California, and Willard Freitas, 23, of Santa Clara, California.”

permissible prejudice protested

BERKELEY, CA — Angry students at the University of California-Berkeley Boalt Law School paraded through the law school on October 15, protesting the presence of military recruiters on their campus, according to the *Bay Area Reporter*.

For the first time in a year and a half, military recruiters were allowed on campus, on orders from UC president David Gardner. Last July, Gardner ordered Boalt and UCLA Law Schools to allow them on campus, despite the military's violation of the university's year-old gay nondiscrimination clause and a similar policy enacted at Boalt Hall a year and a half ago.

Administrators at the school claim that the military's anti-gay discrimination has been sanctioned in court and is therefore lawful and permissible on UC campuses.

About 35 students marched through the halls, chanting slogans and carrying signs. And nearly 200 students attended a noonhour forum in which speakers blasted the administrators for allowing the recruiters on campus. Meanwhile, 18 gay and lesbian students monopolized the recruiters' time after telling them that they opposed the military's exclusion of gay men and lesbians from its ranks. The military recruiters had no choice but to go through with the interviews of the openly gay and lesbian students, but they vowed to return for another round in the spring.

gender bent

“Your Honor, I am writing to you because I was profoundly disappointed by your decision concerning a change in civil status for my daughter Miriam. Yes, I said my *daughter* because she has always been a girl to us since her first moment on this earth.”

So wrote the mother of Jean-Yves, a French citizen who underwent transsexual surgery in 1982. Her request to be officially recognized as a woman was turned down by the French courts. They ruled that even when “psychological gender” was at odds with “physiological gender,” the courts could not intervene.

The judge did decide, though, that Jean-Yves could call herself “Marie” on her official identity card, but she would still be listed as a male.

distracting seductions

PARIS — A new magazine for gay men, *GI (Gai International)* hit the French newsstands this month with a first run of 100,000 copies, according to *Liberation*. Featuring a cover story on “Gay Cops,” *GI* is the brainchild of David Girard, a 25-year-old entrepreneur whose stated goal is to make homosexuality banal. “Our only cause,” says *GI*'s editor, “is to win the right to indifference.” The magazine emphasizes fashion, cruising, nightclubs and the latest sauna news.

Girard, a “self-made man,” already owns two bathhouses, a disco and two sex-by-telephone businesses in France. In his introductory editorial, he states that “militant gayness, although necessary a few years ago, has now evolved into *GI*, whose purpose is to seduce you with distraction.” The 64-page glossy includes 12 pages of advertising.

Girard told a French newspaper that he hopes to “provoke the rest of the gay press by being apolitical and non-militant. Instead of talking about the last faggot who killed himself, we prefer to ask if a woman would divorce her husband if she discovers that he's gay. That article will appear in the second issue.”

In response to *GI*, the editors of *Homophonie*, publication of The Emergency Committee Against Gay Oppression, said, “Before, discourse dominated our movement, rethinking, asking questions. Today, on the contrary, it's integration, acceptance of traditional values. We're getting farther and farther from politics.”

Girard's response? “They were the first ones to come to me for an advertisement for their magazine. They always know where to knock when they need money.”

no response

The French newspaper *Liberation* reports the first Italian legal marriage involving a transsexual.

Gabriella Cacciagrano, a male-to-female transsexual, was married by the mayor of the Italian city of Pescara. The happy couple, though, is not yet satisfied. They want their union to be equally legitimized in the eyes of God. They have written a letter to the Pope asking his authorization for a religious ceremony. So far, no response.

gay vets excluded

NEW YORK — The Gay Veterans Association (GVA) will not be permitted to march in this year's Veterans Day Parade, despite repeated attempts to secure permission from the parade sponsor, the American Legion, according to the *New York Native*.

GVA President John Paine said he first contacted the Legion in mid-August, asking where and when to line up for the march. He sent a second letter in mid-October, but received no response.

In the meantime, an American Legion official met with Lee Hudson, Mayor Ed Koch's liaison to the gay and lesbian community. Hudson was assured by the Legionnaire that the parade was always limited to Legion members only and, so, the exclusion of the GVA was not discriminatory.

Paine disputed this, saying the parade chairman told him that invitations to march were sent to all veterans groups and that GVA's exclusion was a special case.

Hudson commented that while Mayor Koch is not “fond of any discriminatory actions,” the holder of the permit may decide who marches in any parade.

The GVA is asking the city to revoke the American Legion's permit and requesting all public officials to stay away from the parade. And the GVA is considering filing an application for next year's permit. Should GVA secure the permit, all veterans groups would be invited to participate.

GVA can be contacted at 263A West 19th St., NY, NY 10011.

georgetown arguments

WASHINGTON, DC — Lawyers representing both sides of the legal battle between Georgetown University and gay student groups presented oral arguments to a three-judge panel of the D.C. Court of Appeals on October 24, according to the *Washington Blade*.

Two gay student groups are appealing an October 1983 lower court ruling that Georgetown may discriminate against its gay students in the free exercise of its religious tenets. Georgetown is a private, Jesuit-run Catholic university.

Gay People of Georgetown University and the Gay Rights Coalition of Georgetown University Law Center sued the school in April 1980 charging that the university had denied them official recognition and the accompanying access to school services and benefits.

The school's argument centers around its reluctance to be perceived as endorsing homosexuality should it recognize the gay student groups. The students say they want only recognition, not endorsement.

One judge asked the school's attorney what was to prevent officials from stating publicly that the school does not approve of homosexuality. Another suggested that the school could print a notice in the school's catalogue or “carve it in stone over the archway of Healy Hall.”

The judges did not indicate when their decision in the case would be handed down.

coors shut out

SAN FRANCISCO — The executive committee of the city's organization of gay bar owners unanimously rejected a gift of \$10,000 from the Coors Brewing Company, according to the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Coors beer has been boycotted by Bay Area gay bars for the past seven years because of the company's racist and anti-gay employment policies. Coors had offered the San Francisco Tavern Guild \$10,000 if all member bars would carry Coors beer products. Of the 200 gay bars and restaurants in the city, only 16 currently sell Coors products.

In another development, the former sales manager of Coors' local distributor, a gay man hired to break the boycott, quit the company and accused company officials of being homophobic. Wayne Smith says he left the California Beverage Company after his boss told him he was “taking too much time” to end the boycott. Smith disagreed and was put on leave, after which he decided to quit.

In a letter to Tavern Guild president Jim Bonko, Smith said gay employees at California Beverage were harassed and that company officials told fag jokes at a meeting. Smith also said that although funds in the California Beverage budget have been allocated to promote Coors in the gay community, almost none of it has been spent. Smith expressed his support for the boycott.

The AFL-CIO and the gay communities in major cities seem to be the groups sticking with the boycott. Boycotts by the NAACP and some Hispanic groups were called off recently when Coors promised to spend hundreds of millions of dollars in black and Hispanic communities.

AIDS Education Proves Effective

Survey: Bay Area Men Reduce AIDS Risk

By Sue Hyde

SAN FRANCISCO — Pamphlets, advertisements, lapel buttons and public forums promoting "safe sex," a prescription for reducing one's chances of contracting AIDS, have become ubiquitous in the gay community in the past year and a half. A gay newspaper can scarcely be perused these days without the reader's being warned to avoid rimming, fisting, sucking and swallowing, anal intercourse sans condoms, and sex with too many people in too short a time. Gay clinics are incomplete without a stack of precautionary flyers, and it's rare that talk of sex goes far without a mention of AIDS.

And yet, as the number of diagnosed AIDS cases creeps toward 7000, the question comes up: Is anybody out there listening? Have men's sexual habits and behaviors changed?

Preliminary results of a survey conducted in San Francisco for this city's AIDS Foundation indicate that many men are having sex that conforms to safe sex guidelines. Research and Decisions Corporation, a Bay Area research and marketing firm, surveyed 600 gay or bisexual men in the city and found that a majority, about 60 percent of the sample group, has removed itself from serious risk for contracting or transmitting AIDS.

Slightly over half of the men said they were involved in a primary relationship; of those relationships, half were monogamous. Twenty-one percent have sexual contact outside the relationship, but said they avoided sexual activities which healthcare workers consider unsafe.

Nearly one out of three men surveyed had not had sex with anyone in at least a month and nearly ten percent said they are celibate.

So, whether through monogamy, conscientious avoidance of suspect activities, a lack of sex partners or opportunity for sex, or chosen celibacy, about 60 percent of men surveyed have reduced their risk of exposure to HTLV-III, the virus presumed to cause AIDS.

Holly Smith, spokesperson for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, told *GCN* that the study confirmed that concern about AIDS is extremely high, and that most men have adequate information about AIDS transmission and risk reduction. Smith said the Foundation conducted the survey to find out what kinds of sex gay men are having and which activities they were most reluctant to change. The survey will provide the Foundation with information about how to direct their educational efforts.

She stressed the need for educational programs to become more cost effective. "One of the things we found out is that it's goddamn expensive doing health promotional campaigns.... It's big business."

Another goal of the survey, Smith said, was to compile a profile of the Bay Area gay men's community. Of the men surveyed, 57 percent possess at least one college degree. One in three persons lived alone, with half having only one roommate. Average age of the men sampled was 37.8 years, and the singles largest age group represented in the survey was the 30-34 year-old group. About one in three had lived in San Francisco

more than ten years.

Smith said the data from the AIDS Foundation survey is being subpoenaed in connection with lawsuits stemming from the city's move to shut down 14 gay bathhouses and sex-related businesses. Preliminary findings indicate that gay men do not primarily meet sex partners in bathhouses or sex clubs, but rather in bars and social gatherings. She said that because the electronic media in San Francisco are looking for sensationalist stories about the bath closure issue, AIDS Foundation staff wanted to be cautious about releasing data. "We didn't want them to pull out that piece of information: 'Most gay people meet sex partners at bars; it's not just the sex establishments that need to be closed.'"

Smith allowed that the survey data can be applied to the closure issue in two ways. "I think it gives weight to the argument that establishments do not cause AIDS, and that those places are not the only places or even the primary place where people are being exposed to AIDS," said Smith. "They are but one. What it does perhaps do is give the Department of Public Health and other political people a larger issue to focus on, in terms of regulating and closure."

The AIDS Foundation has not taken a pro or con position on the closure question. Rather, the Foundation suggests that the energy of the community has been diverted from the more pressing agenda of changing its sexual habits and behaviors. Smith said that with a projected Bay Area caseload of 7500 people with

AIDS in 1987, "We must have a much stronger and more visible disease prevention plan that is adopted by the community."

The Foundation's efforts will be aimed at telling the city's gay men that many among them have made significant changes in their sexual lives and "that it's okay not to engage in unsafe activities." Smith said the most surprising result of the survey is that while "incredible changes are taking place...people perceive they are the only one.... We had no idea that was going on.... We don't need to tell people what is safe and what is not safe — people know that.... The big thing is for people to know they are supported in making the changes."

To that end, the AIDS Foundation will spend about \$400,000 in grant money from the city to spread the safe sex gospel. The Foundation has already established the Community Partnership, a coalition of political and business groups to participate actively in AIDS prevention educa-

tion and to disseminate information among their memberships. Next on the agenda is a "sophisticated advertising campaign" to be designed by an ad agency to persuade gay men to give up their high-risk activities.

Other upcoming educational programs include one for bar employees to relieve the pressure put on patrons to drink to inebriation, and another is an educational campaign about women and AIDS. Smith said that to date few women with AIDS have been diagnosed on the West Coast, but an increase is anticipated, especially among women who have sex with bisexual men.

The final version of the sex behavior survey is scheduled for release on Monday, November 12. The AIDS Foundation will hold a meeting with 50 community activists and organization officers, as well as a larger community forum, to release the survey results and discuss its implications for the gay men's community.

Detroit Arreststops

By Alice Echols

DETROIT — During September and October, Michigan State Police undercover officers arrested 24 men at Detroit-area highway rest stops on charges of indecent and obscene behavior in a public place and disorderly conduct.

Detroit television stations characterized the arrests as a homosexual sex scandal involving local educators; coverage was sensationalistic, even by Detroit standards. TV viewers saw film of an attempted pick-up and the subsequent arrest, and at least one station printed the names and places of employment of some of those educators arrested.

A State Police officer appearing on the news claimed that the undercover operation was necessary to protect boys, in particular, from homosexual harassment. He also claimed that educators comprised 75 percent of all persons the police had apprehended. His conviction that teachers constitute a disproportionate number of those who cruise at highway rest stops suggests that the State Police may see these arrests as ways to "clean up" the schools as well as the rest stops.

As a result of the arrests one elementary principal has resigned, citing health reasons, and a junior high school principal, who refused to resign, has been suspended with pay.

Televised comments by Jeff Levi, National Gay Task Force's Washington staffperson, left viewers with the impression that his organization condoned the arrests. Appearing on the CBS affiliate, Channel 2, on October 19, Levi reasoned that the arrests weren't discriminatory against gay people because public sex is illegal for heterosexuals and homosexuals alike.

Contacted by *GCN*, Levi said that in his comments to the Washington bureau of Channel 2, he pointed out that the general pattern of arrests in connection with outdoor sex is one of entrapment by the police. Levi said that while NGTF does not necessarily condone public sex, neither does the organization support the arbitrary and unequal enforcement of laws regulating public sexual behavior in which gay men are approached by police officers and then arrested on charges of public lewdness.

Good News Uncovered In Landslide Rubble

By Jim Ryan

Despite the devastating defeat in the presidential election of a candidate who had courted the gay and lesbian vote and a party whose platform included pledges of support on several issues of concern to gay men and lesbians, there is some good news to report from Tuesday's election and it concerns support for national gay and lesbian civil rights legislation.

In the 98th Congress, there were 10 U.S. Senators who sponsored the Senate version, S 430. Only one, Paul Tsongas from Massachusetts, faced re-election. Tsongas decided to retire and his seat was won by Lt. Gov. John Kerry, a Democrat, who has pledged his support for federal legislation.

On the House side, there were 77 sponsors of HR 2624 during the 98th Congress, hailing from 21 states, Guam, American Samoa and the District of Columbia. Of this group, 75 decided to seek re-election and all of those incumbents won. In Massachusetts' Fifth Congressional District, sponsor Jim Shannon lost a primary race to become the Democratic candidate for Tsongas' Senate seat; Shannon's vacated seat has been won by Chester Atkins. Atkins has supported the state gay rights bill in the past.

In the 20th Congressional District in New York, Democrat Richard Ottinger retired and his protegee Orin Teicher faced a Republican named Dio Guardia in a race that is so close its outcome will not be decided until next week when some 20,000 absentee ballots will be counted. Teicher can be expected to support legislation similar to HR 2624; Dio Guardia cannot. Dio Guardia offended many with his comments about minorities. He said minorities have

many children because "they see each child as another check from the government."

Even the loss of two sponsors represents a remarkable preservation of support in this year of a conservative landslide and underscores what many are saying about the 99th Congress — that it will not differ ideologically from the Congress which preceded it.

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In local and state races in which gay men and lesbians were themselves candidates, the news is mixed.

In Minneapolis, state Rep. Karen Clark, Democratic Farmer-Labor candidate, turned back Republican challenger Gene Sullivan. With 16 of 17 polling places reporting, Clark tallied 7564 votes to Sullivan's 2946. Clark has represented State House District 60A in South Minneapolis since 1980 and begins her third two-year term facing a Republican majority in the House. The Republican domination of the House may scuttle her plans to reintroduce an amendment to the state's human rights law, adding gay men and lesbians under the list of protected classes of citizens. Clark has also co-authored with gay state Senator Alan Spear a bill to repeal the state's sodomy law, a bill which faces a similarly bleak future.

Supporters packed a victory party at Clark's home on Tuesday night to congratulate the highest openly lesbian officeholder in the country. Clark is a vocal advocate for a variety of progressive social programs, serving disabled people, the poor, the homeless and the elderly. She was a speaker at the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights held in conjunction with the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco last

July.

In San Francisco, Harry Britt, who succeeded the slain Harvey Milk on the Board of Supervisors, easily won re-election. Two other gay men, Dave Wharton and John Wahl, and one lesbian, Pat Norman, were also running for supervisor but were unsuccessful. Six of the 11 seats on the Board of Supervisors were up for grabs this year; all six were reclaimed by incumbents.

In Southern California, four members of the Log Cabin Club, a gay Republican organization, sought state office, but were soundly defeated by pro-gay Democratic incumbents. Hunter Russell lost his bid for the state Senate seat from the 23rd district to President Pro Tem David Roberti. Andy Jelmert lost the 45th district Assembly race to Bert Margolin. In the 46th Assembly district, Ted Knoll lost to Mike Roos. Steve Marsh, running for the Assembly from the 55th district, was defeated by R. Alatorre.

On Long Island, openly gay sociology professor Chuck Hitchcock garnered only a quarter of the votes in his attempt to unseat three-term Republican incumbent John Behan for a seat in the New York state Assembly. Hitchcock campaigned door to door, visiting some 5000 homes in his district, but could not overcome the three to one registration advantage enjoyed by the Republican attorney.

Overall, it seemed to be the year for incumbents. In those areas where gay men and lesbians exercised some influence, that influence was preserved, but with the exception of the developments in West Hollywood, the election of 1984 did not bring about any substantial gains for our community.

Michael L. Collins

NEW YORK — Michael L. Collins, a United Methodist minister and one of the co-founders of Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, died of AIDS-related pneumocystis carinii pneumonia on October 15 at St. Vincents Hospital. He was 37 years old. Services were held on October 17 and 21 at Washington Square Church in Greenwich Village.

Collins helped found Affirmation in 1975 and served as co-chair from 1978 to 1981. He traveled extensively, speaking before university, government and church groups. Collins graduated from Portland State University in Oregon and received a masters of divinity from St. Paul School of

theology in Kansas City, Missouri. He also served as a minister in Kansas City, Portland, and Philadelphia.

Michael is survived by his lover, Douglas Colesworthy of New York, his brothers Patrick of San Francisco and Randy of Oregon, his sister Marcie and parents Phyllis and John of Portland, Oregon.

Contributions in Michael's memory should be sent to: the AIDS Resource Center, 235 W. 18th Street, New York, NY 10011; to the Gay Men's Health Crisis Center, 132 West 24th Street, Box 274, New York, NY 10011; or to Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, P.O. Box 24213, Nashville, TN 37202.

West Hollywood

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landlords and tenants, but said they wanted to work things out constructively. Terrigno said some landlords had threatened to burn records to undermine the anticipated law. "The landlords will have to come to terms with the [idea] that rent control doesn't have to be a war," she said.

As a result of this election, Valerie Terrigno may be the first lesbian mayor in the country. She

told *GCN* the highest votegetter in the council race is usually selected to be mayor. "But at this point, I just don't know," she added. But Viterbi was more emphatic, saying, "I think it's important to make a statement by electing an open lesbian or gay man as mayor. I would probably nominate [Valerie Terrigno] for the mayorship."

filed from Boston

Community Voices

overlooking anti-semitism

Dear *GCN*:

So today we were sitting with a bunch of dykes in a coffeeshop in midcoast Maine and one woman was visiting from Boston, asked if we knew about Not In Our Name, women's resistance action in New York City, organized by some of the Women's Pentagon Action people. Shut down Wall Street. When, who, how? We're all excited and she goes out to the car to get flyers to show us, and we're already planning to hire a bus from Maine and run a benefit to raise money for the bus and when can we leave and who will perform the benefit and the Boston woman comes back with the flyers designed by the Boston contingent.

First thing we notice is the flyer looks great. Then we notice the language. A ribbon of print (sort of in the shape of a duck's bill) with a litany that goes MISOGYNY/NOT IN OUR NAME—RACISM/NOT IN OUR NAME— but then we start getting down, down to a language spoken nowhere but in our movement: HOMOPHOBIA ABLEISM CLASSISM INTERVENTIONISM ...terms which would make little sense to someone who hasn't attended her quota of meetings (the duck bill also mentioned MILITARISM, WOMAN ABUSE, and IMPERIALISM). We're saying too bad and talking about the problem of political shorthand and of course a movement needs labels, needs slogans (NOT IN OUR NAME is a fine slogan) but we want, don't we, to expand the ranks of activists and nothing turns people away sooner than the fear of looking stupid because you don't even know for sure what language people are speaking and what the words mean and you're afraid you'll use the wrong word. And besides, unfamiliar -isms hardly move you to passion.

But neither of us — Jews — has yet noticed ANTI-SEMITISM is missing, innocents that we are. We're reading along...“As women, we all endure the daily violences, physical, emotional, psychological and economic, waged against us in a male-dominated global culture. But we have many other identities — Black, Latina, Asian, Palestinian, lesbian, physically challenged, older, fat, working class, poor, prostitute, and more — identities whose...”

But we've stopped reading. Where's Jewish? Jewish identities? Surely Not In Our Name has heard of Jewish identities? Surely too they — and notice at once the Not In Our Name women become *them* because they have excluded us and ours — surely they are conscious of choosing Palestinian, omitting Jewish. Have they, in their desire to stop corporate violence, concluded that Palestinian and Jewish identities can't coexist in the same sentence? Doesn't bode too well for a peaceful, equitable solution in the Middle East, does it?

Palestinian and Jewish survival and the need of both peoples for homelands have way too often from the right and from the left been viewed as mutually exclusive: either/or. This painful phenomenon is cruel to both peoples psychologically and politically, for either/or vision moves us further from possible solutions in which both peoples are respected, and the paranoia/terror rampant among both people can begin to find rest — in a movement which urges mutual recognition and negotiation, and demands protection for both peoples.

We guess some people are still surprised that you can be committed to Jewish identity, to the survival of Israel, *and* support Palestinian identity and the creation of a Palestinian homeland. But many people do support both, in and out of Israel. Denying the possibility of this position hardly helps us strengthen the movement towards reconciliation.

But aside from the moral issue, the long-range political issue, the pain, etc., there are immediate practical consequences. As Jews, how do we decide whether to participate in this action? How do we know what we'd be walking into? We should work to raise money for a bus, travel 900 miles roundtrip to New York, etc., and maybe we'll get there to discover that our intimations about the flyer are born out and Jews are not welcome — unless they remain invisible as Jews and are indifferent to Israeli survival?

We wonder: did any of the women who put this flyer together, discussed and approved it (and we are exhausted and depressed conjuring up in our minds the meetings that must have taken place to reach consensus on this flyer), consider why Palestinian identity was cited and Jewish identity was not?

We notice too: Arab identity was excluded. Was Palestinian identity supposed to suffice? So was Native American identity excluded. This in the context of growing visibility and activism on the part of Arab and Native American feminists. Such omissions are down-home racist ignorance. We're not insisting on an infinite list with every possible nuance of identity (though we wonder, given the number of women who are mothers, who are involved with alcohol and drug abuse and recovery, with incest/sexual abuse and survival, how the flyer-woman chose what to include). We are suggesting that creative ways be found to include everyone.

And in a spirit of sisterhood, we ask the Not In Our Name women in Boston who made the decisions about the flyer to examine their action, their motives, to recognize their anti-Semitism and racism. And we ask them to make their self-

criticism public, to give themselves and others in our movement and communities the opportunities to learn from their mistakes.

Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz
Mitzi Lichtman
Rockland, ME

not in our name

An Open Letter to the Community from the Boston Organizers of NOT IN OUR NAME:

This is a public statement which in many ways feels like a relief to write. As feminists struggling to create an event which is accessible to and inclusive of all women, an event whose very intention is to *establish* connections between the sources of the many oppressions we face as women, we have been pushing our thinking and learning all the time. We challenge each other, and we are challenged by women outside our organizing circle who often bring important insights to the evolution of our work. Such is the criticism from Melanie Kaye Kantrowitz and Mitzi Lichtman published here. We are grateful for the opportunity their letter affords us to talk about some of the issues that organizing this action has raised for us, complex issues which can never be adequately addressed in the flyers or other publicity for events such as this one.

Before we say anything else, we would like to apologize to all women, Jewish and non-Jewish, who were offended and hurt by the absence of Jewish oppression on the flyer produced by the Boston women organizing for NOT IN OUR NAME. Many of the women organizing regionally for this action are Jewish, and consider this identity critical to informing their/our work. So the flyer as distributed caused equal dismay in our own midst.

We want to clarify that the omission of Jewish oppression was not a result of consensual politics, but of a series of acts of negligence in stages of the flyer's preparations which resulted in a publicity tool which did not reflect our discussions or even the original draft. We initially wrote the flyer with Palestinian and Jewish identities right out there next to one another *because* we believe, as Mitzi and Melanie and countless other women do, that the oppressions of Palestinians and Jews do not exist in contradiction to one another, and that it is often illuminating to think of them, to see them printed, in the same context: as two groups of oppressed peoples.

The fact that Jewish oppression had disappeared from the flyer by the time it was distributed, coupled with the fact that none of us noticed its omission until it was pointed out to us, brings us back to our own responsibility for stating and *living* our politics.

As a regional action organized through a decentralized structure, decisions are often made and literature often distributed without the entire group's approval. This is a serious limitation to ensuring that every item produced does indeed address the needs of every woman involved. We always have to weigh the problems of listing oppressions against the possibility of perpetuating the invisibility of certain oppressions we do not. On the other hand, as Mitzi and Melanie point out, no list is ever exhaustive, therefore some groups may feel singled out for exclusion, possibly out of the ignorance of the organizers, possibly out of a deliberate ranking of oppressions, or possibly out of the belief that listing a number of oppressions will lead people to think of others.

We recognize an even greater problem in attempting to speak for those who are not represented amongst us. Many times, a predominantly white, educated group of women will speak as if the politics of their group have been shaped by a much more multi-faceted group. Generally, this is done out of a combination of wishful thinking, guilt, and a sincere desire to confront issues of exclusion in the women's movement. Nevertheless, the presentation is dishonest because it purports to speak for women who have never had access to the process which produced it.

On the other hand, without listing specific oppressions, we only contribute to the various silences surrounding them. If institutional racism has barely entered popular consciousness, what of institutional lookism? If the existence of sexism is still debatable to many, what about misogyny? And what about the different expression racism takes toward people of different colors?

In creating this action, we have been painfully aware that who we can truly represent as an organizing group comprises only a minority of women. For many of us, our personal/political goal in putting our energy behind NOT IN OUR NAME is to better understand, and more importantly, work against, those oppressions we do not personally experience, while acknowledging our differences and celebrating them.

This work is a beginning, and growing is hard and slow. The letter we received is a contribution to that growth. We hope that the strength and purpose of NOT IN OUR NAME will not be obscured by the fact that we are learning as we go. We encourage all of you to contribute to this dialogue. Please participate in NOT IN OUR NAME on Nov. 18 and 19 in New York City. We only learn by taking risks.

In Sisterhood,
Vicki Dow Barbara Schulman
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for Boston women organizing for NOT IN OUR NAME

what “israel” means

Dear *GCN*:

To Malkah Barrsey Feldman:

On behalf of Am Tikva, we thank you for sharing your concerns with us. Am Tikva has been pleased, over the years, to provide an atmosphere for open discussion on many issues pertinent to the gay and lesbian and Jewish community. We appreciate your concern and struggle to overcome the inequity and racism that pervades our society.

As we look back through our Rosh Ha'Shana service there are indeed many references to “Israel.” Reading these in context, reference is being made, as it has been since Biblical times; to Israel — the Jewish people, not to a modern political entity. Jewish theology has as its basic tenets the worship of one God and the oneness of the Jewish people, referred to as Israel. Specifically, our Rosh Ha'Shana service (a blend of the Rosh Ha'Shana and Yom Kippur liturgies) provides the opportunity for our community to participate in the traditional ritual or re-evaluating our lives and asking God, ourselves and each other for forgiveness from the past year's transgressions.

The basic component of Jewish liturgy, the Sh'ma prayer, translates: Hear, O Israel, God is One. We could find no reference to “greater Israel.” (The quotation marks were yours.) Possibly you were referring to Oseh Shalom, the last line of the Kaddish, the mourner's prayer, which translates in part: ...create peace for us and for all Israel. Again, the reference is not to a modern political State but to the people.

We hope that this will serve to clarify some of the points that you made in your letter in regard to our Rosh Ha'Shana service. Generally, the gay and lesbian community is not familiar with Jewish liturgy and the problem of translating ancient Hebrew into modern English, where the same terms have quite different surface meanings.

We invite you and others to join with Am Tikva's continuing tradition of open discussion about issues pertinent to our gay and lesbian and Jewish community.

B'Shalom (In Peace),
Priscilla Golding & David Passer
Am Tikva Service Committee
Cambridge, MA

different memories, different fantasies

Dear *GCN* :

When I first saw the *Manscape* ad in *GCN*, the word “incest” made me think of brothers! The scene rapidly dissolved into a pleasant memory of an evening I spent with a delightful set of hunky 19-year-old male twins, one of whom I'd run into at a wrestling tournament in the midwest. Just the kind of hot and horny fantasy the placers of the “shocking and abhorrent” ad might have had in mind. The thought of daddies and uncles fucking unwilling little boys and girls, truly did not cross my mind until I read Community Voices. Which leaves us with the rather interesting predicament that this naive little boy didn't have these foul thoughts until they were put there by some indignant letter writers.

It is not my intent to belittle the concerns of those who were upset with the ad. For them it clearly brought to mind very unpleasant actions. However, their images were very different from my images, and the copywriter might have had still another picture in mind. And as Milo learned, when you jump to the island of Confusion it's a long swim back, and you can swim all day in the Sea of Knowledge and come out completely dry. If you read and listen expecting to be offended, you will surely be soon satisfied. But there are enough people who actually wish our community malice; we needn't look for it where it probably wasn't intended. Our language is not without ambiguity. Yet in the context of parent-child incest there is another side to the coin. I have one acquaintance who's lusted after his father for years (alas, to no avail). If the *Manscape* had included child molesting in the list there would be less ambiguity and we could concentrate on whether any particular fantasy topic is dangerous. But for the moment I'll keep dreaming about one of my first cousins.

I'm glad that *GCN* maintains its rather open editorial and advertising standard. I'm glad that its readers write when something in the paper gets their dander up. It is important that we be reminded that what we say or print might hurt or offend, but *GCN* should be very slow to censor copy on that basis. And as for the rest of the story of the twins, I'm saving that for *Straight to Hell...*

With pride, freedom, and lust,
Tigger
Jamaica Plain, MA

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Speaking Out

Looking Back at Bangor

By Richard Steinman

On October 5, three months after Charles Howard was thrown to his death from a street bridge in downtown Bangor, Maine, James Baines, 15; Shawn Mabry, 16; and Daniel Ness, 17, were sentenced to a maximum of 40 months at the Maine Youth Center (MYC) by Judge David Cox. One or more of them could be released one year from now. Cox was the same judge who, in Bangor District Court, had steadfastly refused, throughout the sun-dappled, northern summer, to detain them at MYC pending trial. Instead he chose for them to remain in the comfort of their parents' custody, surrounded by the emotional security of their enlarged circle of friends lionizing them at every turn.

Judge Cox's custody decision, contrary to motions by the Maine Assistant Attorney General, resulted in an unanticipated paradox on October 5: the anguish and indignation felt all summer by Maine's lesbian/gay community — and apparently by thousands of non-gay Mainers as well — was suddenly transferred to the attackers and their supporters the moment after sentencing took place. It seemed clear that the latter had become so accustomed to the Judge's leniency that they confidently expected him to "sentence" the attackers to probation and community service at home. (Amongst the supporting arguments of the defense attorneys had been the fact that the attackers are now doing their homework better.)

Evidence in support of the argument that the sentence came as a shock was furnished by the TV cameras: the three attackers entered the courthouse with their usual demeanors of self-confidence, but when they were taken away in handcuffs, in an armored police car, all were in tears. In contrast, for the lesbian/gay community and their supporters, the sentence was the absolute minimum that was expected. But immediately after adjournment, the latter became the objects of the unspoken animosity of the attackers' supporters. The clear implication of their behavior was that Charles Howard's supporters had caused the three youths to be "sent up."

For the Maine lesbian/gay community and their non-gay friends — particularly all those on the hot seat in Greater Bangor — the summer had been fraught with one bitter turn of events after another. In addition to the cruel death of a gentle gay brother, there had been the judge's leniency in regard to custody at home; rumored or documented reports of violations of that custody order, the compliance and passivity of the prosecutor; the fact that the claims that Charles Howard had sexually propositioned one of the boys was never subjected to the rules of evidence; the fraternizing of some court or police authorities with the attackers or their supporters; and the mild double standard sometimes applied to lesbians and gays by court bailiffs in contrast to supporters of the attackers.

Overall, there was a sense of this terrible crime being trivialized throughout the summer as the judge refused to remove the attackers from their homes, and they gave the impression of living through it all in the lap of luxury. Even so serious a crime as threatening the life of a material witness appears to have been trivialized. Roy Ogden, a gay man accompanying Charles Howard on the night of his death, was the prosecution's pivotal witness at the August 20 hearing. Following his testimony, 19-year-old Robert Clarey, a friend of the attackers, said to him in the courthouse waiting area, "You're dead, faggot." When Channel 2, the Bangor NBC affiliate, inquired around September 7 as to progress in that investigation, it was told no investigation was being conducted.

The day after Howard's death, the gay community learned of plea-bargaining efforts on behalf of the attackers. This was an important catalyst contributing to the establishment of a coalition less than 48 hours after the violent crime took place. On the evening of October 5, fifty members of the coalition took part in a healing ceremony in Howard's memory (in the chapel of Bangor Theological Seminary) and pledged themselves to continue their constructive efforts. Their major achievements to date have been: 1) influencing the judge away from an utter travesty of justice had he ruled against incarceration; this might have happened had there not been a force countervailing the influence of the attackers' supporters; and 2) successfully lobbying the Bangor School Committee — despite the fierce opposition of Greater Bangor's counterpart of the Rev. Jerry Falwell and the apologies of the Bangor *Daily News* — to mandate the teaching throughout the Bangor schools of tolerance of alternative lifestyles. (The newspaper of the Maine Teachers Association has already commented on how this new policy mandate protects and legitimizes the wish to do so on the part of some Bangor teachers.)

At the mid-July arraignment, Judge Cox decided to approve a list of persons in whose custody the attackers could leave their homes, pending trial. This led to a summer of indulgences or violations which the judge probably never predicted. Some examples follow:

- Baines was spotted in the course of a joy ride with two other young people across the river in Brewer. Apparently the female occupant of the car was Baines' cousin, rumored to be among the custodians approved by the court.
- Ness threw a party in his home, surrounded by his admirers. As long as a person on the approved list was amongst those present, that was "legit."
- During August, a group of teenagers repeatedly harassed the gay male owner of a basket shop at Bangor Mall. Reports that the three attackers were among this group have never been affirmed or disproven.

In late August, Mabry was in an altercation with another teen male whilst attending a concert and dance at Bangor Auditorium, supposedly in the custody of his mother. On September 14, under rigorous rules of evidence, the Court took testimony from a Bangor police officer who had been summoned to the scene. Quoting from the September 1984 edition of *Our Paper* (Maine's lesbian/gay monthly), "After three efforts by Mabry's attorney to get the Court to rule out the testimony he was about to give, the officer was finally permitted to testify to the effect that he had come upon Mabry in a very agitated

state. He was very upset and babbling words, but they did not hang together as sentences one could understand. There was a strong smell of liquor" coming from one or both of the youths. Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Mabry arrived at the scene. Circumstantially, it must be concluded that, at least for the amount of time it took for Mabry to come under the influence of a chemical substance, he was outside the custody of his mother.

Despite having heard this testimony earlier in the day, late on the afternoon of September 14, Judge Cox continued the custody arrangements as before, implying that there had been no violations.

This issue of custody at home was a very heavy one for the Coalition and its supporters. On the one hand, we respect constitutional protections for alleged criminals: a person accused of committing manslaughter or murder should be free from punishment until a trial has been completed. On the other hand, at every court hearing throughout the summer, it was clear that in the eyes of a certain strata of the Bangor community, the youths were heroes. Was not the judge's custody decision being perceived as leniency? As events unfolded following sentencing on October 5, it seems clear that it was.

On July 31, the Attorney General recommended that psychological tests and psychiatric evaluations ordered by the court be conducted at the MYC, but Judge Cox denied the motion and had them performed at the Bangor Mental Health Institute while the boys continued living at home. This decision was a particular source of anguish for the coalition. Given the intensity of community feeling, according to *Our Paper*, "even the most well-meaning local psychiatrists could not conduct their examinations with the degree of objectivity that would be afforded at the MYC 150 miles away, and with far more expertise regarding youth crime than amongst Bangor psychologists." The judge seems to have anticipated community pressure, because he sealed the court records revealing the names of the psychologists, pending completion of the examinations. But commendable as was his intent, it was useless: following one of the attacker's first interviews, the latter could reveal the name of the professional to any of his supporters and pressure could commence.

What could be the judge's motives for this decision? The obvious speculation was that the judge was affected by influential families. However, the evidence appeared to contradict this. All three attackers resided in a pleasant, tree-shaded neighborhood, but there were no signs of upper-middle class affluence surrounding any of their homes (in the case of the one being raised by his mother alone, there was a subtle hint of impending seediness as one turned into the street). They appeared to come from middle-class stock which could be blue, or white-collar in social status.

Our Paper speculated that the judge, "because of possible future political ambition was pandering to the rednecks in the community. This might help to explain why, on the occasion of the initial hearing, he had returned the youths to the custody of their parents. But on July 31, the judge had an 'easy out' when it came to ordering detention: he could easily have announced that they were to be detained at MYC not for purposes of premature punishment but for testing. The Coalition was very troubled that he had not availed himself of this option wherein his own judicial skirts could have been kept clean."

From time to time the prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General Goodwin, seemed almost obsequious in his behavior before the court. On rare occasions he did stand up against the defense attorneys (e.g. getting the police officer's testimony about Mabry's substance abuse admitted as evidence), but they were very few and far between. In particular, after hours of delay before court finally got underway each time, one had the feeling that one was observing a replay of the real hearing, already conducted in the privacy of the judge's chambers beforehand.

The following are examples of Goodwin's passivity:

- On August 20, a tape-recorded statement taken from Baines by the police was played in the courtroom. In the recording the police ask Baines why Charles Howard was singled out for the attack. There is a pause. The detective asks Baines, "Because he was the one who came on to you sexually?" Baines affirms this. The prosecutor never challenged the detective for speaking in place of the boy.
- On September 14, the prosecutor properly introduced testimony concerning Mabry's behavior at the Bangor Auditorium. But he never then built a case, generalizing from the incident about the youth's hot temper, use of chemical substances, being out of the custody of his mother, etc. Instead to the astonishment of the coalition and of the defense, he rested his case without making any statement whatsoever concerning the character of the attackers, which was the purpose of the hearing.

This inquiry into the violent death of a man, which deeply disturbed Maine's summer, has ended with a glimmer of hope. There is reason to believe that, in keeping with the current program at MYC, the three attackers will be confronted with the significance and consequences of their act, not only by the professional and custodial staff, but by the other youths who are well advanced in their own potent process of growth.

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Home Town Honesty

By Bob Ebersole

Raised in north central Massachusetts in rural Lunenburg, warm memories of my childhood are just now being challenged. I remember negative reactions to my lack of athletic ability or my being overweight. Self-image is such a fragile thing which even the smallest event can shatter. I closely identified with the book, *The Best Little Boy in the World* — people-pleasing, over-compensating, and seeking praise often seemed my reason for being.

I had had attractions to other males since before I was in kindergarten. Acting upon those feelings, I knew I shouldn't be caught, but I felt somehow that it wasn't wrong. Finally, with seventh grade, came the realization that I was a sexual person and I began to have an inkling as to what the implications would be to love another man.

Will I have to wear a dress? How will I have to act? Will I have friends? What will they be like? These were questions that I raised as I was learning what it meant to be gay: questions that often slowed my coming-out process.

To compound the difficulties I had dealing with my sexual awakening, my mother and father went through a very messy divorce. I internalized everything: Did I cause it? If I had been a better boy, would it have been okay? Trying to love both parents while hating them at the same time for what was happening. On the outside I was great, but between repressing my fears and not accepting my gay feelings, the toll began to have its affect.

The first drink I had was a beer. I loved it. That began a destructive relationship with booze that lasted 13 years. From day one I drank to get drunk, to get away from my emotions and feelings, to drown them out. Don't talk to me about



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social drinking — that was a waste to me.

My drinking followed a curve based on my self-esteem. The lower I felt, the more I drank. After one drinking episode, I came out to my girlfriend of two years, though I emphasized I would seek counseling to "take care of it." We were never to discuss the subject again until we'd been married for seven and a half years.

Part of my growing up included being a volunteer firefighter starting at age 16. In addition to being a "safe place" to be near other male friends, its close working relationship with the police department proved to be an important influence. (It might have been something to do with the uniforms!) I wanted to become a good and fair police officer after seeing the abuse of police powers during the Viet Nam era. I was accepted into the Criminal Justice Program at Northeastern University upon graduating from high school, but grew disappointed with college. Dropping out, I worked as a carpenter's apprentice restoring old houses. It was during this time that I married the woman I had dated in high school. I loved her then, as I do now. It was a very strong love — love for an important friend, someone who saw me through my parents' divorce, changes in college, my entry into politics, and my becoming comfortable with my gay identity. Yet even this love could not support the marriage as my gay feelings re-emerged.

I went to Fitchburg State College for a year and then returned to Northeastern University, graduating with honors in 1976. I began work as a dispatcher in the town police and fire departments, and later as campus police officer at Fitchburg State. Eventually I realized that I was not cut out to be a cop.

In 1979 I applied and was accepted to the law school at Suffolk University. In the spring of my first year, a notice was posted about a lecture on gay rights. I made sure I went and for the first time I met interesting and intelligent gay people in a non-sexual setting. It was so self-affirming! That year I also spent some time doing volunteer clerical work at *Gay Community News*. I was introduced to gay bars by a friend — Chaps remains a favorite to this day.

The second year of law school was a time I would rather forget — the separation from my wife, becoming involved in not very positive relationships, an increasing drinking problem. I joined a married gay men's group at the Homophile Center, which, although it was "too gay" for me at the time, was a positive ex-

perience. I was forced to look at myself as a whole person, including my gay identity.

I was able to begin to confront my drinking problem in my last year of law school; that process has been one of the most enjoyable, and painful, experiences in my life. It saved my life and got me into a state of mind where I could feel good enough to start working on my coming out.

I was divorced that year, graduated, began work at a law firm, decided not to run for public office — changed my mind and decided to run, ran and got elected. It might sound simple, but it was only possible through help from lots of friends and relatives and without having the need to drink.

After law school I found it became important to me to be involved in the gay community. I joined Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, became a cooperating attorney for the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. The Boston Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee became a major focus in the spring and summer of 1984.

These activities, while helping the gay community, helped me: I was able to do what I felt I was good at and was able to feel good about myself. Another important aspect of involvement was dealing with my spirituality by joining the gay Catholic group, Dignity/Boston. This, in turn, has opened communication with my mother — she attended Dignity services with me on Easter and Mother's Day.

It was while I was visiting friends in San Francisco that Gerry Studds came out to the U.S. Congress. The fact that this momentous occasion happened while I was in the city where I had spent my honeymoon deeply affect my coming-out process positively. I was in a city where I could be openly gay and feel comfortable about it. I saw *Torch Song Trilogy* while there, and the *La Cage aux Folles* song "I Am What I Am" became my theme song.

Things were different when I returned to Lunenburg, or were they? I was different. As a friend said, it was not a question of if I was coming out, but when. The town fire fighters' association held a cookout every fall, which I had faithfully attended since high school. It's a social evening to which the firemen bring girlfriends or wives. However, since the invitations said "guests"... I brought the man I was dating at the time. Needless to say the rumor mill started, and through my network of friends, I was able to find out what people were saying. I

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almost panicked — I wanted to come out then and there. My supportive friends rallied to my crisis and suggested that I wait, that I would know when it was the right time.

Throughout this process, I talked with many gay men and lesbians in Boston and was given the same advice. Stubborn as I can be, I listened to them. I regrouped and began a fantasy of how I would call a press conference. Presumptuous? Grandiose? Yes, but it was a fantasy and I indulged it. I played it out by writing what I would say and whom I would invite. It included many references to the biography of Harvey Milk, *The Mayor of Castro Street*. That book was a major impetus to come out as I did, for I identified with his politics, methods and attitudes.

I ordered the Boston Gay and Lesbian Speakers Bureau manual, which offers a wealth of information to those who want to tell their story about being gay and what it means to be gay in our society. I read it and re-read it until it became a part of me. I set the date, May 18th, and the place, Town Hall, and let my fantasy run. The process worked: after it was all set up, it didn't fit. It wasn't right for me. Back to square one, but no loss. I had grown, had put into writing what I was thinking and feeling. I made it clear what I wanted to say. When the time came, I would be ready.

Ready. Is anyone really ready until it happens? Having met Dianne Willis (co-anchor of Channel 7 News) at a conference, I called her to gain publicity for the Annual Gay Pride celebration. We discussed some of the events scheduled, including the Boston Human Rights Ordinance rally at Fanueil Hall. I also said that I was gay, and in the process of coming out in Lunenburg. She felt the action was newsworthy and that it would make a good human-interest story. (I had half expected this would be her reaction.) She interviewed me that night, outside of the rally.

Having found out that it would be on the news that night, I called my family and former wife to let them know. I also called a good friend to have her video-tape the news for posterity. It was nerve-racking to wait for the broadcast, but I was pleased with the way the story flowed. My interview appeared on the news — with my name and the title "Lunenburg Town Clerk" on the screen.

The following day, Channel 4 TV was doing a live interview with the authors of *The Male Couple*, on "People Are Talking." Members of the Gay Pride Committee had audience tickets,

as we were hoping to get some publicity for the Annual Pride Celebration. I asked questions about the chances of a relationship lasting in an area like Lunenburg.

Things started popping that afternoon. The *Worcester Telegram* called and asked whether I had been on TV and what I had said. After telling the reporter, there was silence. I told him I realized it must be hard to cover a subject that had not been covered much previously by his paper. I then walked him through my story, using some of my fantasy press conference, the Speakers Bureau info, and the advice of my good friends. He asked intelligent questions and seemed open.

Panic and fear struck. These emotions almost overwhelmed me, and I almost drank. Two years of sobriety were at risk. Through support of my friends with similar problems, and the help of God watching over me, I did not drink. Fears are often worse than what happens, and that was the case. The article was well written and positive. The local paper in Fitchburg picked it up, and I was OUT!

Reactions? Yes and no. There's a lot of "no comment." I've received a few pieces of hate mail from out of town, as well as letters with booklets on how to be a good Christian. The depth of support from those who have spoken with me has been great — parents of gays coming out to me, other gay people in my local area (both closeted and out), and friends who I didn't know still cared — all gave me words of encouragement.

One woman said to me, "At least you don't admire other men's jewelry." I responded by pointing out that what she was saying was that a man cannot act like a woman, and that being anti-gay is often being anti-woman. She said she hadn't thought of it that way. The process of coming out involves educating both straight and gay people, as well as ourselves.

Perhaps the best compliment was, "I can't believe it, an honest politician." As the song goes, "I am what I am, I am my own special creation." I am the same person I was before I came out, but now I am free. No one will take that or my self-esteem away from me. The project ahead of me is to learn how to be an openly gay man. No one is going to force me back into the closet.

One of the things I had included in my fantasy press conference is my gratitude to all those gay rights activists who have put their lives on the line for our rights, and therefore, also for me. I can only hope to join with them and give whatever I can to help the cause.

difference is ideological, political, racial, whatever it may be.

"The mark of genuine security is deep inner strength and self-confidence. That is as true of a nation as it is of an individual. It is not our job to impose our way of life on others. It is not our job to spend most of our time bragging about our way of life. Our challenge is to live our way of life in a fashion in which it will speak eloquently for itself."

Studds made no direct reference in his speech to the significance of his success as an openly gay candidate for re-election. But, he told his supporters, "if you see any difference between the me of 1984 and the me of 1970...I hope it has to do with perhaps a little bit fewer pounds and perhaps a little more humility, and hopefully just an ounce more wisdom.... To quote one of the few times the President of the United States was absolutely correct: 'You ain't seen nothing yet.'"

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only obliquely to the matter by questioning Studds' ability to function effectively in the House of Representatives.

Studds devoted most of his election night speech to the topic of President Ronald Reagan's landslide victory over Walter Mondale. "Let me say that while I wish to heaven the news around the country were as cheerful as ours is," Studds remarked, "it is not, as you know. Americans in extraordinary numbers and in a great percentage appeared to have voted, how do you say, perhaps their affection rather than their mind.... The fact of the matter is, that given the results of this election, the nation will be looking increasingly and I suspect more than it realizes tonight to the House of Representatives for the next two years, the next four years."

"It is not the mark of a secure nation," Studds said, "any more than it's the mark of a secure individual, to be frightened of those who are different, whether that

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FINDING TRUTH

By Larry Goldsmith

Jane Rule was born in 1931 in Plainfield, New Jersey. She grew up in the midwest and California, and graduated from Mills College. In 1954, while teaching at the Concord Academy in Massachusetts, Jane Rule met Helen Sonthoff. Two years later, the two women moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where they lived for twenty years, teaching and writing. In 1976, they moved to Galiano, an island off the coast of British Columbia. Rule is now a Canadian citizen.

Jane Rule has written five novels: Desert of the Heart (1964), This Is Not for You (1970), Against the Season (1971), The Young in One Another's Arms (1977), and Contract with the World (1980). She has also written Lesbian Images (1975), a book of literary essays on lesbian authors, Outlander (1981), a volume combining essays and short stories, and Theme for Diverse Instruments (1975), a collection of short stories. She is a regular columnist for The Body Politic, a Toronto-based Canadian monthly, and serves on the Canada Council, a government-sponsored arts foundation.

I met with Jane Rule in October in Concord, Massachusetts, where she generously offered me a couple hours out of a trip through New England to visit with friends and family. We talked about politics, religion, sex, art, and literature; I began the interview by asking her to describe her work.

"I suppose what I do is try to concentrate on relationships and community," says Jane Rule. "I think those are the things that I write about most. They're books about voluntary community, because I think most of us have moved away from our families. Not just gay people, I mean everyone. And I'm fascinated with the kinds of support groups we build around ourselves to make a community."

In fact, much of Rule's fiction lacks a dominant protagonist around whom the narrative revolves. "I'm really more interested in writing about groups of people than I am in writing a novel that has a main character," she explains. "I feel as if every one of us would like to be the center of the universe and none of us is, and so I understand the pleasure of being able to identify with a hero or a heroine. But I'm far more interested in dealing with how we are in daily relationship with each other."

Art and Politics

Rule's exploration of the interpersonal relationships among her characters never neglects the political context in which their lives are led. Novels such as *This Is Not for You* and *Contract with the World* guide the reader along the passionate and conflicted paths of lesbian and gay characters with the meditative eloquence of a writer familiar with the terrain. But these works are not merely stories of psychological journeys; the paths are lit in the harsh light of a political reality that's usually more blinding than it is illuminating.

The political sense in Rule's writing, however, is less didactic than it is simply revealing. "It does seem to be that literature is about what *is*," she explains, "and a lot of people in the movement would like literature to be about what ought to be or what we'd like it to be. So, you know, I do write about happy lesbians and I also write about unhappy lesbians, I write about very competent gay men and I write about gay men who kill themselves, because I think we have a great range of experiences, as anybody else does, and I think we're also people under pressure. So a gay character can give a kind of deeper vibration of those social pressures than perhaps some heterosexuals.

Rule has drawn some criticism for her realistic style

from readers who want fiction that includes not only the familiar reality of an oppressive world, but also characters who can serve as positive role models for lesbians and gay men struggling to define themselves.

"My response to the whole role model thing," Rule says, "whether it's I who am to be a role model or the characters in my books who are to be role models, is nobody needs any, except bad ones. Those were the only role models that were ever any good for me. I'd think 'I'm never going to teach like that' or 'I'll never talk to people like that.' As long as you have those negative role model checks, I don't think you need heroes. Of course, all the heroes we have are those that we then want to tear down — set 'em up and bat 'em down — and that's certainly not of interest to me."

Similarly, Rule finds limitations in the idealized communities in which lesbians and gay men try to live. "None of my characters is ever totally sustained by the community," she says. "I don't think anybody ever is. I

think there are times when you feel really involved with and sustained by your community, but — maybe this is partly the statement of an artist, too — you spend an awful lot of time alone.

"It would be, I think, totally false to say that the community hasn't done marvelous things for all of us. It also has its scary aspects. I sometimes worry about people who come out in the community and feel buoyed by it and get a false sense of what that world is out there and try to go back into it and get pretty badly hurt and troubled. I think communities can provide false senses of security, as families can provide false senses of security. My family always says 'Why do you have to go out there in the world? It's safe here.' I think all of us have to go out there if we're going to grow and be. But I think in any community, there's that sense that we all want to protect each other. . . . I think where you are inside your head has to be scary some of the time. And certainly the world is."

Pornography and Censorship

On the many political conflicts within the lesbian and gay community, Rule approaches the lines of disagreement with an unabashed directness, historical insight and careful thinking. Rule speaks strongly against the sort of authoritarian approaches that lead, for example, to censorship of pornography or proscription of certain kinds of sex by the state. Instead, she says, she'd like to see partisans on all sides of an issue be sensitive to the experience and ideas of others, and be open to a constructive discussion unencumbered by judgmentalism or defensiveness. A case in point is the controversy in the pages of *The Body Politic* over an advertisement for Red Hot Video, a Vancouver pornography shop that was picketed and then firebombed by anti-pornography protesters.

"It was in British Columbia," Rule explains, "that the Red Hot Video people were being firebombed and picketed by women's groups and gay men decided they would join to show their solidarity with women. So it was a real high in Vancouver, a community working together to hassle violent pornography. *The Body Politic* [published in Toronto, Ontario], in its old clear stance against censorship, is not going to censor an ad. They had no idea what was going on on the west coast except for the newspapers, which aren't reporting the political dynamic in the gay and women's communities. And so the ad came in."

"And there was a terrible hue and cry. The Ottawa gay community refused to accept *The Body Politic* for distribution, all sorts of people cancelled their subscriptions, and there was a lot of exchange. I think at first it was just shouting, but gradually I think that the people on the paper realized more of what was at issue in the



"I believe we learn more about our culture through our fiction writers than we do from anyone else. I think that's where case by case, individual experience by individual experience can add up to an understanding of the range of experience people are actually having, far more than any other sociological studies that are going on."

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community where it happened, and felt they would have been wiser to have feed-in from the west coast. And I think some of the people who were screaming about it heard that there were really important issues of censorship involved as well. I don't think that many people were persuaded either way, but I think a lot of the hostility did go away."

Rule herself finds the arguments against censorship compelling. "Part of this, I find, is generational," she explains. "I find every woman I know my age or older is just absolutely dead-set against giving the government any opportunity to pass a law about anything. That doesn't mean we're for violent pornography; we hate it. We don't trust the state to do anything good about it."

Sex and Children

Rule has similar feelings about sexual relationships between adults and children. "I think that's a terribly tough one," she admits, "but I get really tired hearing people talk about sixteen-year-old children. I think they must have amnesia. Or had been so suppressed that they were unaware. I don't know what we do about it. I think there are real problems exploiting children, and terrifying ones. But we can't lump that in with the developing sexuality of children through adolescence. We know so little about our own sexuality, that we're just totally cuckoo when it comes to dealing with children."

"From the time we begin, we are so self-conscious and stupid that a two-year-old picks out that there is something clownish or funny or embarrassing about all that stuff. We really do have to deal with the fact that two-year-olds masturbate; we do have to know something about their developing sexuality. We don't, we just turn away; we shut the door, and we pretend we don't. There are children, both boys and girls, who are raped by adults, men and women. But it's such a blurred area and to have a movement that dumps it all in the same basket is, I think, a step backwards, not forwards. But it's education that we need, again, rather than legislation, because we've got laws on the books that are worse than anybody needs, right now, to protect anybody from anything. I mean, you can get thrown in jail for brushing your teeth in the wrong place, and why people press for more legislation, I don't know.... In the male world, particularly in the gay world, it's usually the boy who's the seductress, the seducer — kids who are hungry for sexual expression and adult encouragement and adult attention, and that can be a bad relationship or a good one. It can be very exploitive in either direction or even in both directions, and laws don't change that."

Sex and Liberation

Responding to the call by some gay men to include promiscuity and the freedom to enjoy "recreational sex" in the agenda of gay liberation, Rule once again suggests more openness in the debate.

"I think in the range of sexual activity and taste we should be as open to as many different varieties as people want," she says. "I don't have any sense about being restrictive." However, she adds, "certainly for me it's not an image of liberation, and working for a basically male paper, which *The Body Politic* is, it's been a thing that we've needed to talk about, so that there isn't a defensiveness. It seems to me one of the problems, because the society is so hostile to gay male sexuality and its promiscuity, is that there isn't a forum for people to be honest about what it's really like. All they can be is defensive, and defend and defend and defend and never talk about any of the problems. Of course there are benefits and of course there are problems as there are in any choice of any way to live. And the minute anybody raises any kind of question about exploiting people, about superficiality, loneliness, all those things — 'No, no, no, no, no, nothing of the sort ever happens.' Except if you talk in private, a lot of people will say, as they say of marriage or whatever else, 'God, there are problems.' And so I would like to see people get in a less defensive place, which would mean the society around them would have to be more accepting of this style, so that its pitfalls as well as its virtues could be explored much less defensively than they are now."

Choosing Identity

A key to Rule's ideas about lesbian and gay liberation lies in her sense of the source of lesbian and gay identity. Rule disparages attempts to rationalize homosexuality by searching for a physiological or psychological "cause." Instead, she portrays individual identity as an exercise of individual freedom.

"I had a letter," she explains, "from a young woman of twenty-one whom I have known for a long time and had waited to hear her make a comment, because it seemed to me perfectly obvious that she was gay. And she said in the letter, 'I've had these feelings since I was in junior high, and now I choose them.' I think we know that a number of people who prefer a gay sexuality choose to be heterosexual. And choose for all sorts of reasons — to have children, to be safer in the world. For many of them they certainly can carry out heterosexual functions and roles. And to that extent, I think people do choose. I suppose we all basically are bisexual. I think for most of us in the gay world, we feel we are very much more pulled to our own sex than to the other, and that it's a matter of courage to choose to act

on that or not. I think celibacy has been so attractive in the Church for so many years because it's a *positive* choice to give up your sexuality to serve God, and I should think 80 percent of priests are homosexual. And I think the Catholic Church knows it."

The argument made by many people working for lesbian and gay rights that homosexuality is an inborn trait, or one determined at a very early age, is, for Rule, "a political argument to try to convince people not to discriminate."

"I read a book about left-handedness in the '50s, if you could believe it, by a psychiatrist who was saying that anybody who is left-handed is perverse. Because it's *possible* to be right-handed, and so any child that manifests this rebellion is approaching psychosis. And my own argument is, there are some people who prefer to be left-handed; it's more natural to them. It's not going to bother anybody else. Why are we passing laws against it? There are some people who prefer to be homosexual. Why should anybody care?"

"The history of medicine's mucking about with sexuality is a pretty grim business. I mean, to stop calling us sinful and start calling us sick instead was not a great contribution to our well-being. And the kinds of investigations that have to do with behavioral psychology and this sort of thing I think are very dangerous. I think the minute you decide you can force somebody to be heterosexual by certain kinds of treatments — and I think it's possible; it's possible to cut off your left hand, too. A lot of people have to be right-handed because they don't have a left hand, and a lot of the shock treatments and the lobotomies, the grotesqueries that have been practiced on homosexuals, have certainly made them, in the most negative sense, heterosexual."

There are, of course, researchers who say they seek to understand the cause of homosexuality in order to justify it. "But you see," Rule replies, "we *do* understand. I think the cause of homosexuality is love. And that basically is why we are attracted to each other, out of delight and love. And surely we shouldn't legislate against that. I think all the medical/psychological stuff is the enemy's business, not ours."

Rule agrees with a statement by James Baldwin in a *Village Voice* interview last June that he thought no one in the future would have to call themselves gay.

"I think it's one of the things *The Body Politic* has been debating with a kind of bewilderment: Are we creating a gay ghetto? Are we narrowly identifying ourselves and creating a problem, instead of freeing ourselves? And there's always this danger that you put a lot of political energy into insisting that you have a place in the sun, at the same time you're having to insist you're

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"I feel as if every one of us would like to be the center of the universe and none of us is, and so I understand the pleasure of being able to identify with a hero or a heroine. But I'm far more interested in dealing with how we are in daily relationship with each other."



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"I find every woman I know my age or older is just absolutely dead-set against giving the government any opportunity to pass a law about anything. That doesn't mean we're for violent pornography; we hate it. We don't trust the state to do anything good about it."

New Rituals, part 1

The Lesbian Baby Shower

By Amy Hoffman

For years, one member of a lesbian couple whom I don't know well, but like immensely, had been trying to get pregnant. We have a close mutual friend, and through my friend I understood that various methods had been tried, always preceded by careful discussion and renewed optimism. However, no matter what method of fertilization, what precautions taken regarding diet and exercise, Nancy could not seem to carry a pregnancy to term. Even though one of the first things I knew for sure about my own life was that I did not want to have children, I became caught up in the stories of Kate and Nancy's persistent efforts and the details of Nancy's

about a barbie-sized baby. However, after a few weeks, as Gail developed into a healthy, rambunctious infant, I was surprised and delighted to receive from Kate and Nancy an invitation to a baby shower.

Although, being the oldest of six children, I of course know something about the process of having a baby, I knew much less about the rituals well-meaning straight people have evolved to accompany it. I consulted with friends: I wasn't sure what kind of party I had been invited to. Would there be a potluck supper? Disco dancing? Costumes? An energy circle? I discovered I would be expected to appear with a present.

whom my adored first lover had left me. It was a painful parting and I had vowed never to reconcile myself to it. Several years ago, however, at another party, I had found myself chatting avidly with my former arch-enemy, conscious only that we both felt cozily related to each other. I'd actually forgotten that what drew us together originally had been our mutual interest in my lover. She, it turned out, was also at the baby shower, flirting in the kitchen with one of Kate's former flames, whose current heart-throb had once taken a course with me at the Women's School. I decided to see whether Kate and Nancy were opening their presents yet.

Sometimes I think it's this tangle of relationships that binds the lesbian community together. And so effectively that I doubted we would merely become the infant's baby-sitters. Flaunting the demands of biology and bureaucracy, I hoped our community would become her true family.

miscarriages.

I was happy to hear from my friend late last fall that it looked like Nancy's latest pregnancy would be a success. Then, in April, Gail was born two months prematurely. She weighed two and a half pounds and had to spend the first two months of her life in the hospital. Nancy wasn't feeling too well herself. I had nightmares

When I finally found a store that sold baby items, I realized that shopping for the child of feminists was even more of a challenge than I had anticipated. Not only did all the teeny outfits cost big bucks, but they were without exception pink or blue. I settled for a tasteful red sunbonnet, since, in a picture I'd seen, Gail hadn't had much hair. I expected that during the summer she'd want to be out and about, after spending the spring cooped up in the incubator. My friend lent me some wrapping paper with ducks on it, so I wouldn't use last Sunday's comics.

The first person I saw when I arrived at the baby shower was a woman I hadn't seen in years, an ex-lover of a former neighbor of mine, Janie, whom I'd loved devotedly and unrequitedly when I'd first come out. Janie's ex had come to the party with her current lover, who was invited because she is an ex-lover of Kate's ex-roommate, who is now bisexual and was expected to show up later with her boyfriend. In her exclusively lesbian days, this ex-roommate had also been the woman for

In the livingroom I was handed a glass of champagne and introduced to Gail's father. In Gail's absence — she had not yet been allowed to leave the special care nursery — he was showing around an album full of pictures of her.

"All these relationships are hard to figure out, for myself, never mind for the hospital personnel. Straight people just assume biology explains everything," he told me. "I want to have a place in Gail's life, and I've been going to visit her every day, but Kate and Nancy are doing the real parenting." I looked at a picture of the three of them with the baby. "Kate insists that Gail looks like her side of the family. And the hospital's heterosexism infuriates Nancy, so she's been crossing out 'father' on all the forms they give her and writing in 'significant other: Kate.'"

"Hi. I'm Kate's sister." I examined her and the snapshots. There was definitely a family likeness, if you knew to look for it. "Who are all these people? I had no idea Kate and Nancy had such a large circle of friends. How on

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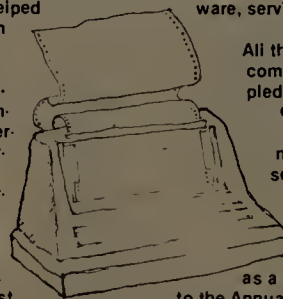
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Baby Shower

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earth do you all know each other?"

I hesitated. It hardly seemed appropriate to inform this friendly, suburban heterosexual at her niece's baby shower that we were all links in one another's sex chains. "Oh, Kate and I met through friends," I said. "Our community here is pretty tightly knit."

"Well, it's very sweet," she said. "The family will be pleased to know they'll have no trouble finding babysitters."

Babysitters. I thought about that. At the front of the room Kate and Nancy's housemate was presenting them with a hand-made baby sweater. "I know she'll grow out of it," she said, "but I'm dying to see how it will look on her, and I loved knitting it." Next, a collection of dykes rolled a very

snazzy-looking stroller in from the hallway. These methodical lesbians must have researched baby carriages and organized the gift; I was sure they couldn't have known much about strollers before this. I meditated on the consequences of serial monogamy in the lesbian community. In 1970, I don't think anyone anticipated that in ten years or so it would mean that everyone involved in the ensuing relational chaos would end up knowing everyone else very, very well. Sometimes I think it's this tangle of relationships that binds the lesbian community together. And so effectively that I doubted we would merely become Gail's babysitters. Flaunting the demands of biology and bureaucracy, I hoped our community would become Gail's true family.

Jane Rule

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different, and it gets to be a label that has ambivalent power to see beyond. It isn't that we wouldn't still be gay, but just as you don't have to go around announcing whether you're right- or left-handed or even think about it very much, it would be less important as a label. And of course, I think the longer I live, that our choices in the way we live are so much wider than we even imagine, in terms of how we organize our lives and our commitments. We've had only one model: marriage and raising children. There must be a thousand models."

Love and Lust

In her essays, Rule has written of the differences between having sex, making love, being in love, and loving. "Mary Meigs and I have this hilarious running discussion on being in love," she says. "I take a very grumpy extreme stand, and she takes the grumpy extreme stand on the other side. Her notion is that you are helpless when falling in love. It's like a disease; it's like a bad cold. It doesn't last very long, thank God,

and you do get over it. And her definition of falling in love I've never experienced. It seems to me absolutely that you choose the people you relate to, and what falling in love is really all about is lust.

"Well, I say the word 'lust' to Mary and she really — in her vocabulary that means I have just smeared something really romantic and marvelous with this ghastly, sinful word. Lust seems to me a very healthy, delightful feeling, that unfortunately, because people feel guilty about it, gets all these trappings of being in love, and then people get into terrible trouble because they're expecting out of a relationship that is basically a sexual one all sorts of other things that often just can't carry. It seems to me being loving can be either a sexual or an asexual experience, but it really does have to do with relating on all kinds of levels to another person, to other people, in a sense of mutual interdependence, in a sense of delight which may or may

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not manifest itself sexually."

"You wonder about people who over and over live with people who are totally unsuitable, just totally. And you can watch them for years. They come in and they've found the one and only, they've known them two hours. They move in five days later, and three months later they've moved out again and everything's a mess. They found out that this soul is the worst bastard in the world. I often think people who start that way, they go back to 'Let's have friends and let's have recreational sex.' A lot of men I know who live together live with friends who are not sexually active with each other and go out for lust and come home for concern and companionship and really separate those things.

"I see nothing wrong with that. I think it at least clarifies that there is such a thing as sexual desire which may or may not have anything to do with who the person is. And somebody that you might not find at all sexually attractive might be a person that for you living with was the joy of your life. And you can wish that those two things would go together, but to be trapped in that seems to me

again a society that has narrowed our options so badly that what we're doing now is in the infancy of understanding how we can relate to other people and gay people.

"I hate the argument of the conservative gays who say 'If you just wouldn't bring up children in this issue, if you just wouldn't bring up promiscuity, if you just tell them we all go to bed every night at 9 o'clock except Saturday and then we stay up for the 11 o'clock news and we're monogamous — then we'd be accepted.' Well, *nothing* we do is acceptable to heterosexuals of that ilk, and so we are free to do anything we damn please. And I think to experiment and figure out what possibilities there are in human relationships is super. I think it's dangerous, but I think locking yourself in a closet is pretty dangerous, too. We can count as many suicides on that side as those who go overboard being socially manic."

"I think in all our sexual manifestations we've been trapped in terribly narrow conventions that would probably suit — one out of fifty? I think one out of fifty would probably make

marvelous monogamous child-raisers. I've met them, and they're happy and they feel good about themselves and that's simple. But it shouldn't be imposed on all of us. I don't think that's a gay question; I think it's an overall question about sexuality. I think people ought to be able to be celibate careerists; we shouldn't have to have a church to say that's okay. I think we all ought to be able to say none of the above, and I also think we have to know that we aren't sexually the same people at eighteen that we are at fifty. Maybe we need sexual re-education as we need career education. But by somebody who knows something, and that's the catch, because our researchers certainly don't."

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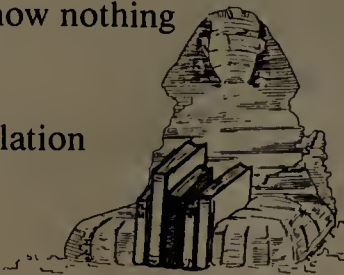
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 - Standard capitalization will be used unless you pay for capitalized words.
 - Use extra paper if more space is needed (35 units per line).
 - If you request a line skipped, such a blank line must be paid for at the same rate as a printed line.
 - Please use area codes with phone numbers.
 - Ad will be edited if form is not correctly filled out.
 - Form will be returned if we cannot read your writing.
- Write your own category (maximum 17 units). GCN will assign a category if you do not choose one or if the one you choose is inappropriate.
- Complete Section #3 to calculate the cost of your ad.
 - BUSINESS:** General Rule—if money changes hands, it is business. Includes renting part of your home. Sale of anything is a business unless it is the contents of your home, your personal car, etc. If you are selling a litter of pups, it is business.
 - NON-BUSINESS:** General Rule—if money does not change hands, it is non-business. Personal items for sale are considered non-business as well as all genuine personal & non-profit organization ads. Roommate ads are non-business only if you seek someone to share rent you both pay to a 3rd party. If you own the property, you must pay the business rate.
 - PLEASE NOTE:** If you underpay by choosing the wrong rate, your ad will be returned. SAVE TIME, send correct payment.
- Make check or money order payable to GCN and mail to: GCN Classifieds, 167 Tremont St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02111.
 - DEADLINE:** Tuesday, noon.
 - All ads are prepaid.
 - No phone ads accepted.

Section 1

NAME _____
STREET _____ APT. _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE (____) _____

Section 2

Use 1 unit for each letter, punctuation mark or space between words. Print clearly. Ads will be returned if we can't read them.

Category:

Head Lines

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AD POLICY

Ad Copy Regulations

- The forwarding of an ad is understood as acceptance of all the rates and conditions stated on this form. GCN reserves the right to revise or reject, at its sole discretion, any classified advertisement on account of its text or illustrations.
- No ads will be accepted without a full name, address and telephone number, which will be kept strictly confidential.

Errors and Omissions

The extent of GCN's liability in the event of an error or omission is space credit equal to that of the original ad, provided that GCN is notified of such error or omission by the advertiser within ten days of the original publication of the ad.

Changes in Copy

There is a single \$2.00 reset fee each time an ad is changed and a \$.50 per line per week charge if change increases length of ad.

Cancellations

There are no refunds for cancelled ads, but space credit will be given.

Re-runs

If you want to re-run an ad, please come to our office or use the mail, not the phone. Please give us your full name, address and phone number and either a clipping of the ad or the category, date, volume and number of GCN in which it ran, and a key phrase—headline, phone number, etc. Remember, the deadline is Tuesday at noon.

Box Mail

- Forwarding Boxes: \$5.00 for 6 weeks. Mail forwarded at end of 3rd & 6th weeks.
- Pick-up Boxes: \$2.00 for 6 weeks. Mail may be picked up at GCN office Mon.-Fri. 10AM-6PM.

Answering a Box Ad

To respond to an ad with a GCN box number, address replies to: GCN Classifieds Box _____, 167 Tremont St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02111.

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Free checking copies are sent for each week a display classified is run. If you require a tear-sheet or checking copy for a line ad, please send \$1.00 per issue to cover cost of paper, postage & handling.

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1st 4 Lines or part thereof:	Business	7.00 = _____
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Additional Lines or part thereof:	Business	_____ x .75 = _____
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Display (Boxed) Classifieds:		
Col. Inches or part thereof:		_____ x 12.00 = _____
TOTAL for 1 Week (Add)		= _____
Number of Weeks (Multiply)		= _____
SUBTOTAL		= _____
DISCOUNTS: for 10-20 consecutive weeks	10%	= _____
for 21-30 consec. wks.	15%	= _____
for 31+ consec. wks.	20%	= _____
TOTAL FOR AD COPY		= _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ckng copies: #wks _____ x 1.		= _____
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☐ Please notify me two weeks before my ad runs out for renewal. (For long-running business ads only.)

SPECIAL RATES FOR NON-PROFIT GAY ORGANIZATIONS

(No other discounts allowed if this option is chosen.)

\$100 for one year (50 issues). Ad may have a maximum of one bold or light headline and eight lines of copy.

- ☐ Payment in full enclosed.
- ☐ We prefer quarterly installments of \$30, \$30, \$30, \$10. Payment for first installment must accompany ad. GCN will bill for balance.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL CLASSIFIEDS.
Return this form and payment to GCN Classifieds, 167 Tremont St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02111.

Classifieds
ROOMMATES

2 L seek 2 more for warm indep home in beaut Jamaica Plain. Firepl huge apt yard trees. Nr T, park and JP Center \$175 + util. Call 524-7390. (18)

2 LF seek 3rd for 5 room JP apt. 1 of us smokes. Have 1 cat — more pets. Rent \$142 + utilities. Call 522-2104 in morning. (19)

Beacon Hill: GM sks rspbl employed GM to shr 2 bdrm apt. Rent 250 plus util. Call 367-1861 after 7pm. Avail Dec. 1, first & last mo. rent. (18)

ALLSTON
seek respons person pref F 25+ now for nice big house, sm rm w/lrg clst. \$125 + ut. Frdly, indep, quiet, neat. 254-5582 til 9:30pm. (18)

CENTRAL SQUARE ROOMMATE
GM seeks independent, fun, progressive GM or LF to share large Central Square apt. \$265/mo incl util. Avail immed. 497-6532. (19)

SHARE A SUNNY HOUSE
Indep prof LF sks same to share 6rm sunny single fam. Medford house in quiet nghbrhd behind Tufts. 2 cats (sorry, no more pets) yard, off-st prkg, near T, mod. alchl. 375/mo. with util. Call 396-4275. (18)

CAMBRIDGEPORT
4 LFs seek 1 LF 25+ for home in Cambridgeport. Semi-coop, semi-veg, nonsmks, sorry no pets, near T. \$132 + util. Avail Dec 1. Call 661-6771. (c)

L looking for roommate for beautiful house in Concord MA area lots of space inside + out sublet \$425 heat inc 371-1638 pls leave message. (19)

LF to share sunny + spacious 2bdrm in 3-fam house w/porches, yard in safe area. Friendly semi-veg near non-smkr. \$250 + negot. 783-0204 nites. (19)

L 24+ to share 2bdrm apt in Som nr Porter Sqr and bus line no pets 250 + avail Dec 1, 628-6191 call after 6pm. (19)

LF 28 seeks LF 25+ to share apt on Cambridge/Watertown line. 1 small 1 med br for \$275/mo. Sunporch, lg kitchen quiet deadend st w/parking. Prefer nonsmoker no pets Kathy 868-8119. (18)

**** MELVILLE-PARK, DORCH
2 men sk 1 GM to share lg renov Vct apt in good area nr stores + red T. We are neat respons tobac-free, not lovers. Rent 200 util 55 sec deposit 300. 288-3228 B4 10pm. (19)

ROOMEZE
-LESBIAN/GAY-
-FEMINIST-
Roommate Matching Service

\$15 fee
Confidentiality Assured
CALL 641-3095
M-F 9-6/Sat 12-5

BROOKLINE VILLAGE
LF42 & son13 seek 4 housemates to share lg Victorian home w/ 2 dogs 2 cats & piano. Children ok. No smoking, alcohol or drugs. Avail immed. \$250-\$350. incl util. Call 566-1873. (20)

LF32 sks 2 roommates nonsmokers to share furn house on beach close to train \$300/mo incl all util + phone no pets avail now and Dec 1. 286-1194. Revere. (19)

HOUSEMATES
Prof LF looking for 3 more to form coop household in Newton. 4 bdrms + 3 studies, near T. \$212 + utilities. Call Ede 965-4432 evenings. (19)

Prof GF 40's seeks F near Rt 93 + 128 10 min to Bos, Govt Ctr your own bedroom liv rm parking share kit \$275/mo inc all util Stoneham 438-9274. (18)

2GM + 1F sk 1GM for lg hse in Brkline/Bright. frpl, dishw. Available 12/1. Call 277-2138 eves, wknds. (19)

APARTMENTS
APT IN THE COUNTRY
Spacious 1st flr apt, 1 bdrm, kitchen w/pantry, lv rm, dnng rm. In small city surrounded by apple country. Lesbian owned + occup. 15 min to Rte 495, \$400/mo + util. Avail Dec 1. Barb and Chris in Clinton 368-0406. (c)

FOR RENT NEPONSET DORCHESTER NEW LUXURY TOWNHOUSE AVAILABLE NOV. 1
6 bedrooms (one w/outdoor patio) dining rm w/outdoor deck eat-in kitchen dw gd 2 dr frig lg living rm 3 working fireplaces 3 bathrooms 2 tubs w/jacuzzi carpeted throughout washer/dryer burglar alarm fire and smoke alarms central AM/FM stereo throughout parking for 5 cars lg landscaped fenced garden walking distance to T. \$1400 month incl heat. Call for appt anytime. Brockton area 583-9245, Boston 268-6300. (20)

DOR-FLDS CR-MTG HSE HLL
Avail now 5 rm 3 bdrm 1st fl ideal for yng prof. \$420 plus util. Call Bill — leave message 585-6637. (18)

ROOMS FOR RENT
MASS AVE-SOUTH END
Large clean rooms in gay owned and run rooming house. Room has ref. sink and hotplate with full kitchen and laundry in building. Rents — 85 week. Call Mike at 542-2137. (21)

APTS TO SUBLET
APPROX DEC-MARCH OR APRIL
E Somerville on busline 4 sunny rms furnished + washer top floor of 3 decker \$335mo + util + dep conv to Boston + Cambridge priv + cln 666-0703. (18)

HOUSING WANTED
LOOKING FOR HOME
GM 27, responsible considerate seeks space in established household or others interested in finding inexpensive apt. Jim 522-6813.

PUBLICATIONS
Dragonchild by Leah Pesa Kushner journey of survival of childhood abuse by a fat working class Jewish lesbian. Order from: K.I. Productions PO Box 7757 Berkeley, CA 94707. \$8.00 includes shipping. (19)

JAMES WHITE REVIEW
A gay men's literary quarterly publishes Interviews Quentin Crisp Robert Patrick Poets Ian Young Jim Holmes Antler Steve Abbott Prose Richard Hall John Gilgun new voices subscribe \$6 a year sample copy \$2. PO Box 3356 Traffic Station, Mpls, MN 55403 Submissions welcome send SASE.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES
CLIENT SERVICES COORDINATOR
Position avail 11/15/84 at the Gay & Lesbian Counseling Service, a lic mental health clinic in Boston. RESP front office manag, inc client intake sched; client billing; maint of clinical and admin sys; tel coverage; routine cler duties. REQUIR: exc comm skills; some basic bkkping helpful; famil w/third-party billing a plus. HRS: Mon-Fri, 40 hrs/flex sched. **SALARY:** \$10,000-11,400, dep on exp. Resumes to GLCS, 600 Washington St, Suite 219, Boston, MA 02111. No phone calls pls. GLCS is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/Handicapped. (20)

PART-TIME SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR FOR GAY POPULATION
Individual and group counseling. Alcohol-related experience and Master's degree required. Some evenings. 10-20 hrs wkly; \$10/hr. Send resume to Simeon Goldstein, North Shore Council on Alcoholism, 183 Newbury St., Danvers, MA 01923. (19)

FULL TIME PERSON
for Lesbian owned business, diverse duties must be reliable and honest. Call 723-5130 or 227-7754. (18)

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER STAFF
at the Women's Center in Cambridge. Especially day slots (10-2, 2-6), 3 month commitment. Call Andrea 354-8807. (20)

PEQUOD COUNSELING CENTER
established 1970
is now looking for experienced therapists to join our Collective. For more application information, call Linda at 354-6259.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
For sale: sub shop reduced to 35K, some owner financing available, great potential, located on T stop. Jamaica Plain Real Estate 524-5464. (18)

NOT IN OUR NAME
Women get yer ya-yas out after the election. Fight corporate/military/sexist exploitation at home and around the world. Say: **NOT IN OUR NAME**, NYC Nov 18-19. (617)247-0470. (c)

FOR SALE
ANTIQUE DRESSER
Refinished, bowed drawers, carved posts with oval mirror. A steal \$175. Call Hershey at 426-4469 days or 661-6771 eves. (c)

BARBRA STREISAND
FOR SALE: Remnants of a once-great Streisand memorabilia collection (A "Mem'ries light the corners of my mind . . ." ☺). Items for sale include import albums & singles, snapshots, 8 x 10" glossies, 1-sheet movie posters, movie programs, rehearsal & interview tapes, buttons, sheet music, etc. Write to Susan (who else?) at GCN, 167 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02111 for a more complete list. (19)

GM, 23, desperate to see new Streisand video seeks fun-loving individual who has warmth, charm, and a VCR. Reply to GCN Box 80. (c)

RESORTS
CHECK'ER OUT AT THE CHECK'ER INN
Dbl rms, coffee by fireside, pkg, apts also avail, 1 blk bay, open year round. 487-9029, 25 Winthrop St, P'town, MA 0 2 6 5 7

GABRIEL'S
Guest rooms and apartments. Centrally located. Hot tub, garden patio, cable tv, coffee. 104 Bradford St. Provincetown, MA 02657. Reservations: (617) 487-3232. Open year round.

PROVINCETOWN LUXURY APT.
2 brm sleeps 6 Bay view at beach off-season daily/wk per pers rates control own heal fully equipt dishwa'r. Big ideal for holid's (516)694-2962.

BRINLEY VICTORIAN INN
Romance a friend in Newport! Cozy rooms have antiques & flowers. Warm & safe. Come let us pamper you! GCN disc, Cont brkft. (401) 849-7645. (13)

FIREWOOD
COLONIAL FIREWOOD
We will deliver + stack seasoned kiln dried New England Oak, nature's best firewood. Apt deliveries our speciality small + large quantities. Call 734-0807. (21)

VACATIONS
GREENHOPE FARM
Woman-only space in the heart of the Green Mts. Crisp autumn air, cozy wood-burning fires, romantic, rustic setting. Beautiful + secluded. Delicious veg. meals. X-country or downhill skiing, horseback riding, hiking. Call early to reserve space. (802)533-7772. (18)

ACCOMMODATIONS
VERMONT GUESTHOUSE
Bed + Cont Bkfst for Lesbians and Gay Men in a country village house 2 hrs fr Bos. Yr-round. Nr lakes, hikes, skiing. Dave + Mike (802)348-7840.

SERVICES
SHRT TERM GROUP FOR ADULT DAUGHTERS OF ALCOHOLICS
The Women's Mental Health Collective offers a grp for adult daughters of alcoholics. We'll discuss alcohol use & addiction, do short readings & find out about avail. resources. Grp meets 7 eve sessions beginning Mon. Jan 7. We are located nr Porter Sq Cambridge. Negotiated fees, insurance, medicaid accepted. Information call Michele Clark or Noel Jette at 354-6270. (18)

INCEST SURVIVORS
Support group for women. Margrit Romang, MA, CET. 646-7395. (c)

ORIENTAL MASSAGE THERAPY
Correcting posture, preventing injuries, increasing energy, general health revitalization and relaxation. (617)923-9019. (21)

COUNSELING—PSYCHOTHERAPY
For individuals or couples, long or short term. Reasonable rates, sliding scale. John Graves, 266-2069. Formerly 6 years with HCHS. (19)

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP
Openings. Group focus is on intimacy, gay identity, relationships. Individual therapy also available. Sliding fee. Call Francis Giambrone 628-6988.

MASS. BAY COUNSELING ASSOCIATES Copley Square
INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES AND GROUP COUNSELING
ALCOHOL COUNSELING
HYPNOTHERAPY
SEX THERAPY
INSURANCE ACCEPTED
(617) 353-0225 for appt.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

OASIS GUEST HOUSE
22 Edgerly Rd.
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 267-2262

WATERSHIP INN
P.O.Box 918
7 Winthrop St.
Provincetown, MA 02657
(617) 487-0094

ACUPUNCTURE

SEAN VARNUM
Suite 401
678 Mass Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 576-2114
(617) 321-8818

LIMOUSINE SERVICES

WAITES ROLLS ROYCE LIMOUSINE SERVICE
Christopher Waites
(617) 567-0420
(305) 564-1292

CHIROPRACTORS

DR. EDWARD COHEN
Brookline Family
Chiropractic Office
1330 Beacon St.
Brookline, MA 02146
(617) 734-7744

DR. JONATHAN D. STEIN
375 Harvard St.
Brookline, MA 02146
(617) 232-7200

DR. JAN RISING
418 Washington St.,
Suite 112
Brighton, MA 02135
(617) 782-0267

CINEMA

ART CINEMA
204 Tremont St.
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 482-4661

MOVERS

BOSTON TRUCKING CO.
(617) 641-1234

DENTISTRY

DR. RICHARD BANKHEAD
DR. PAUL GROIPEN
1259 Hyde Park Ave.
Hyde Park, MA 02136
(617) 364-5500

JOHN C. BARNA, D.M.D.
739 Boylston St.
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 353-1500

ILLUSTRATION/DESIGN

JEAN VALLON
Everett St.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
(617) 522-3278

GYMS

SOUTH END GYM
46 Waltham St.
South End, Boston MA
(617) 451-3514

NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S GYM
1261 Cambridge St.
Inman Sq.
Cambridge, MA
497-9776

HOME REPAIRS

GEORGE W. CASPER
47 Waldeck St.
Dorchester, MA 02124
(617) 288-3228

INFORMATION/MEDIA

XANADU GRAPHICS
143 Albany St.
Cambridge, MA 02139
661-6975

INSURANCE

DAVID L. COLLINS, CLU
Suite 830
50 Congress St.
Boston, MA 02109
1-800-352-3185

MEDICAL/COUNSELING

DR. STEPHEN J. GOLBURGH
Licensed Clinical
Psychologist
1330 Beacon St. #231
Brookline, MA 02146
(617) 734-6996

JACK CEMPELLIN, M.S.
COUNSELING AND HYPNOSIS
8 Woodbury Court
Salem, MA 01970
(617) 745-2939

GENDER IDENTITY SERVICE OF NEW ENGLAND
136 Causeway St.
Hudson, MA 01749
(617) 568-0680

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES
Dr. Herbert Lovett
Dr. Beth Leimkuhler
36 Newbury St.
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 292-4532

ALLAN SINGER, LICSW
PSYCHOTHERAPIST
Copley Square
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 266-2240

ARADIA COUNSELING FOR WOMEN
520 Commonwealth Ave.
Kenmore Square
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 247-4861

LAMBDA COUNSELING ASSOCIATES
324 Marlborough St.
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 353-1729

FENWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
16 Haviland St.
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 267-7573

GAY AND LESBIAN COUNSELING SERVICE
600 Washington St., Rm. 219
Boston, MA 02111
542-5188

NORTH SHORE CMHC COUNSELING
47 Congress St.
Salem, MA 01970
(617) 744-5322

PLACE/HOTLINE AND COUNSELING
32 Rutland St.
Boston, MA
(617) 267-9150

SOUTHERN JAMAICA PLAIN HEALTH CENTER
687 Centre St.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
(617) 522-5900

THE NEXT STEP
Counseling and Training
Cambridge & Newton Offices
(617) 491-6430

TAPESTRY, Inc.
20 Sacramento St.
Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 661-0248

MASS. BAY COUNSELING ASSOC.
25 Huntington Ave. #331
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 353-0225

COUNSELING ASSOCIATES
23 East Main St.
Westboro, MA 01581
(617) 366-8576

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Somerville, MA 02144
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12 Mt. Auburn St.
Watertown Square, MA
02172
(617) 926-4289

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A HOUSECALL
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William A. Sandberg, DPM
(617) 396-7527

REMODELING

T.H.E. CONTRACTORS, INC.
36 Pine St.
Chelsea, MA 02150
(617) 889-4347

LITTLE BEAR AND COMPANY
(617) 296-1770

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Licensed Landscape
Architect
53 Hawthorne St.
Somerville, Ma. 02144
(617) 776-6377

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SOMEWHERE/ELSE
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Boston, MA 423-7730

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MARK THOMAS CO., LTD
Mark Zimmerman
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Boston, MA 02114
(617) 227-2209

RACHAEL REALTY CO. INC.
318 Harvard St. #31
The Arcade Building
Brookline, MA 02146
277-0230

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PAULA HERRINGTON
(617) 628-9043

TAX PREPARATION

MARJORIE E. POSNER
33 Ashcroft St.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
524-7565

TRAVEL

FOREX TRAVEL
76 Arlington St.
Boston Park Plaza
482-2900

WOMEN

NEW WORDS BOOKSTORE
186 Hampshire St.
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 876-5310

WOMENCRAFTS, INC.
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Provincetown, MA 02657

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GLAD DAY BOOKSTORE
43 Winter St.
Boston, MA 02108
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COMMUNITY GRAPHIC SERVICES
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17 Shepton St.
Dorchester, MA 02124
(617) 288-3106

This guide provides a listing of gay/lesbian owned, staffed, or supportive businesses and services. To have your business or service listed (for only \$100.00 per year) call 426-4469

CALENDAR

November 11 to November 28

11 sunday

Cambridge — Black and White Men Together meeting; Speaker: Deb Houston; Phillips Brooks House. 2:30PM.

Cambridge — Women's non-violence training in preparation for Not In Our Name; Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 10AM-4PM. Info: 247-0470.

Watertown — First organizational meeting of Gays & Lesbians of Watertown. 7PM-9PM. Info: 926-5371 or 923-2065.

Boston — Third Amazon/Adonis Powerlifting Meet; South End Gym, 1355A Washington St. 11:45AM. \$2. Info: 451-3514.

Providence, Rhode Island — Gay Help Line fundraising party at the Old Cabana. 3PM. \$5 admission includes buffet. Cash bar. Info: (401) 751-3322.

Cambridge — Girillias Concert/Party; Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. \$5. Wheelchair accessible, A.S.L. interpreted. 7:30PM. Info: 354-5468 or 522-4474.



13 tuesday

Cambridge — "Coming Out: 'How to Ask for a Date' Revisited." Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. 8PM. \$1. All women welcome. Info: 661-3633.

Boston — GCN membership meeting for all volunteers, Board and staff. Topics: News coverage and the Affirmative Action Plan; 6:30PM, 167 Tremont St. (ring outside buzzer to be let in). Info: 426-4469.

Boston — "Torch Song Trilogy"; at the Shubert Theater, 265 Tremont St. Shows: Mon.-Sat., 8PM; Wed.-Sat. 2PM. Tickets: \$20-\$32.50. Info: 426-4520.

Salem — North Shore Gay & Lesbian Alliance town meeting; Old Town Hall, Derby Square. 7:30PM. Info: 745-3848.

Boston — Neighborhood Responsive Policing Program's St. Botolph St. Police/Community Panel Meeting; The Towers, 70 St. Botolph St. 7PM. Info: Mary Ellen, 247-4457.

14 wednesday

Boston — Women in Film workshop; Massachusetts College of Art, 621 Huntington Ave. 6-10PM, Wednesday-Friday. \$45 for all 3 sessions. Info: 731-0275.

Boston — Rocky & Bullwinkle in Person — an evening with June Foray & Bill Scott; New England Life Hall, 225 Clarendon St. 8PM. \$8 in advance, \$9 at door. Info: 547-5255.

Boston — Molly Ruggles will perform with Amie Doft, bass, and Val Walton, saxophone; Essentially Women's Coffee House, 67 Newbury St. 7:30PM. \$2 donation.

Boston — Neighborhood Responsive Policing Program's West Fenway Police/Community Panel Meeting; 107 Park Drive. 7PM. Info: Mary Ellen, 247-4457.

15 thursday

Dorchester — International Women's Day planning committee meeting. 7:30PM. Info: 288-2291.

Cambridge — Fiction/Poetry reading with Ruth Geller & Catherine Anderson; New Words Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St. 7:30PM. \$2. Info: 876-5310.

North Shore — Gay & Lesbian Liberated Youth of the North Shore meeting. Men & women ages 14-22 welcome. Info: Larry, 373-7618.

Boston — "Working" presented by the Newbury Street Theater; 565 Boylston St., Copley Square. Play continues through Dec. 15. 8PM. \$5. Reservations: 437-0517.

Lewiston, Maine — "The Swastika and the Pink Triangle: The Destruction of a Minority," a lecture by Richard Plant; Bates College, Chase Hall. 7:30PM.

Boston — Gay Community News always needs help on production night when articles are proofread and pasted up. If you've done proofreading or layout and would like to volunteer, stop by 167 Tremont St. 5th Floor (5-8pm for proofing, 7:30-11pm for layout). Come help out GCN and read tomorrow's news today.

16 friday

Cambridge — Am Tikva annual meeting at Hill House. 8PM. Info: 782-8894.

Cambridge — "The 1984 Orwellian Presidential Election"; Speaker: Frank Brodhead; MIT, Building 9, Room 150, 105 Mass. Ave. 8PM. Info: 492-6259 or 547-5513.

Cambridge — Dialogue between Lesbian & Heterosexual Asian Women, sponsored by Asian Sisters in Action; Cambridge Center for Adult Education, 42 Brattle St. 7PM. Asian women only. Info: 265-7599.

Boston — GCN VOLUNTEER NIGHT!!! Come help send out the paper to our subscribers. Refreshments and good times. Come anytime after 6PM to 167 Tremont Street, 5th Floor (near Boylston and Park Street "T" stops). If the door is locked, buzz us on the GCN intercom located outside the front door.

Cambridge — "Native Son" will be shown by Angry Arts Films; Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. Also showing the 17th & 18th. 7:30PM. \$2.75. Info: 524-2915.

South of Boston — Lesbians with Children support network forming. Info: 426-9371.

17 saturday

Henniker, New Hampshire — Lambda meeting. Speaker: Carol Moore from the NH Women's Lobby; Sanborn Hall, New England College. 5PM.

Boston — "Something About the Women," featuring "Girl Groups"; WMFO radio 91.5 FM. 10AM-2PM. Info: 381-3800.

Boston — "AIDS, the Epidemic—A Community in Crisis," a forum to present data on HTLV-III; Boston High School Auditorium, 123 Arlington St. 1-4:30PM. Info: 536-7733.

Boston — Greater Boston Gay Men's Association meeting; St. John the Evangelist, 33 Bowdoin St., Beacon Hill. 8PM. All welcome. Bring food or drink. Donation requested.

18 sunday

Cambridge — Daughters of Bilitis Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for women & children; D.O.B., 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. 6PM. \$7 adults, \$6 members, \$3 kids under 10. Info: 661-3633.

Brookline — Brighton/Brookline potluck meeting at noon. Info: Marsha, 738-4260.



Harvey Milk

Boston — Unitarian-Universalist Gays & Lesbians meeting; Arlington St. Church. 7PM. All welcome. Info: Paul-David Wadler, 623-6021.

Marblehead — North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance Bulb Party; 90 Green St. 1-5PM. Info: 745-3848.

19 monday

Boston — 6th Annual Thanksgiving Service of Hope held by the Greater Boston Lesbian & Gay Interfaith Coalition; Arlington St. Church. 7:30PM.

Boston — Neighborhood Responsive Policing Program's South End Police/Community Panel Meeting; Concord Baptist Church, 190 Warren Ave. 7PM. Info: Mary Ellen, 247-4457.

20 tuesday

Boston — Neighborhood Responsive Policing Program's Back Bay Police/Community Panel Meeting; Fisher Jr. College, 116 Beacon St. 7PM. Info: Mary Ellen, 247-4457.

27 tuesday

Boston — Neighborhood Responsive Policing Program's Kenmore Police/Community Panel Meeting; The Towers, 140 Bay State Rd. 7PM. Info: Mary Ellen, 247-4457.

Cambridge — Lesbian Fat Liberation, drop-in discussion group; Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 7:30PM Introductory, 8-9PM regular group. For lesbians over 200 lbs. Info: 524-5462.

Salem — North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance Pizza Party; As You Like It, 203 Essex St. 7PM. Info: 745-3848.

28 wednesday

Boston — Neighborhood Responsive Policing Program's East Fenway Police/Community Panel Meeting; Morville House, 100 Norway St. 7PM. Info: Mary Ellen, 247-4457.

Boston — Boston Bisexual Women's Network discussion: "The Dating Dilemma"; Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St. 7PM. Info: BBWN, P.O. Box 1534, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Cambridge — "Lesbian & Gay Perspectives on the 1984 Elections: Where do we go from here?" with Speakers Virginia Apuzzo, Robert Bauman, Gil Gerald, and Chris Rid-diough; Kennedy School of Government, 79 John F. Kennedy St. 8PM. Info: Sharon Keady, 495-1380.

Notes

the times of harvey milk.
Directed by Robert Epstein and Richard Schmiechen. Narrated by Harry Fierstein. At the Nickelodeon.

The Times of Harvey Milk begins with an emotional/political wallop that continues throughout the film: on a bleary, shaky video, San Francisco Supervisor Dianne Feinstein announces to a shocked public that Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and murdered by ex-Supervisor Dan White. The film's narration then backtracks and we slowly begin to see, to understand, the story that lead to this shocking climax.

Most gay audiences will know the story of Harvey Milk, populist, openly gay man, and consummate politician. His death made him both a symbol and a martyr for gay communities throughout the country. *The Times of Harvey Milk* is like a re-telling of a familiar story. We know the plot, we even know the ending, but it is the details, the minutiae, the particulars in the new telling with interest us. Directors Epstein and Schmiechen have distilled a great deal of television footage to assemble the career and life of Milk. This is one of the first documentaries in memory which has had this access, coupled with such a good story and such a pungent and cogent political point of view.

The Times of Harvey Milk is more than just a panegyric biography of a gay man in politics. From the mass of TV and news footage, the filmmakers have managed to bring to life a whole community — San Francisco — dealing with an on-going political process. What stands out most in the film is the constant attention which Milk paid to other minorities and how those other people came to like and respect him. Much of this film is not just the "tragedy of Harvey Milk," but a documentary on how and why a multi-ethnic, many-minoritized, grass roots movement can affect a city government. Just as *The Times of Harvey Milk* never stints on dealing openly with his sexuality, it also never tries to hide his basic radicalism and populist leanings under the guise of faint-hearted liberalism.

Able to stand on its own as a political/biographical documentary, *The Times of Harvey Milk* also functions equally well on a purely emotional level. Gay audiences will not only be reacting with pride as Harvey Milk flaunts his sexual preference in a traditionally straight arena, but also, and even more strongly, to the anger and violence which resulted in Dan White's casual and meaningless jail sentence. What makes the film so great is that it never loses sight of the emotional impact that Milk had upon individuals and upon a community.

The material in this story is so potent one wishes for more information. Epstein and Schmiechen have interviewed several people extensively — Sally Gearhart, a teamster union member, a gay school teacher — and although their choices are good, they contain the film and place a hold on the energy trying to burst out.

We are lucky — in both life and art — that Milk's story moved, so often, from the person out into the streets. The sweeping shots of the candlelight march and the White Night riots allow our full emotions to be vented and expressed. (The footage of a curved row of police cars being set aflame is simply breathtaking.) *The Times of Harvey Milk* is both a documentary and a personal statement; a skillful recreation of history and an analysis of what history means to us as a gay community. It is as much a story of the birth and emergence of gay pride and gay anger as it is the story of any one man.

— Michael Bronski

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